THE WEATHER.

Rain today and colder; Thursday fair and colder; brisk winds.

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TRIAL OF PACKERS IS OPENED AGAIN

Government Reveals Details of a Plan of Merger.

THE JURY'S FIRST HEARING

Government Contends Merger of Armour, Swift and Morris Interests Was Plan to Control Meat Industry

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Details of the plan for a $500,000,000 merger of the Armour, Swift and Morris interest in 1902, by which the government contends it was sought to control the meat industry of the country were revealed today in the trial of the ten Chicago packers by United States District Attorney George A. Carpenter

The contract which was dated May 31st, 1902, was read to the jury and offered in evidence by counsel for the government. The original agreement was produced in court by Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Company, who was called by the government as its first witness. Attorney Veeder testified that the plans for the merger were abandoned, that in March, 1903, the National Packing Company was organized to operate certain important packing companies purchased with a view to including them in the big company. Under the terms of the agreement the three large packing corporations and their subsidiary companies, together with recently acquired important companies were to be merged into one concern. Armour, Swift and Morris were to receive bonds and preferred stock of the new company in payment for value for their tangible property In addition to this, the promoters were to receive $25,000,000 worth of the new companies' stock for intangible property and a large block of common stock for their good will, this amount to be fixed by the earnings of the different plants during the first year of the new merger.

The promoters planned to borrow $90,000,000 to finance the corporation. The appraised valuation of Armour, Swift, Morris and their subsidiary companies was given about $180,000,000. Each of the three promoters deposited $1,000,000 with a Chicago bank as an evidence of good faith but they were compelled to drop the plan because of the failure of certain New York capitalists to furnish the funds needed.

Previous to Veeder's testimony the defense made an unsuccessful attempt to have excluded from the government's case all transactions prior to 1905 on the ground that the immunity plea which freed the packers when they were indicted seven years ago should apply to that period. Judge Carpenter, while reserving his decision to give the government time to reply, indicated that he would deny the motion.

Veeder admitted that the packers had some sort of organization which met every Tuesday afternoon in the Councilman Building, Chicago, on the same floor with his law office and that his son, Henry Veeder, acted as secretary in 1900, 1901 and 1902.

He did not know the name of the association and it was not on the door of the office and he did not know what business was transacted at the meetings.

The government contends that it was at these meetings that the price of meat was fixed and plans discussed for the suppression of competition.

FORGED PAYMASTER'S CHECK.

Secret Service Men Investigating—Negro Attempted to Pass Check.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The theft of eight blank navy paymasters' checks from the battleship Mississippi and an alleged attempt to pass at least one of them forged is being investigated by the United States secret service. Thomas Words, a negro mess attendant on the warship, is under arrest in Philadelphia having been captured by secret service operatives while attempting, it is charged, to cash at the Philadelphia sub-treasury one of the instruments for $225 forged with the paymaster, Robert Orris, of the Philadelphia navy yard. Four other checks, forged in the same handwriting, it is alleged, were found in possession of Words. The detectives are endeavoring to find the other three checks.

LIFE-TERM MAN PARDONED.

He is Exonerated by the Man Who Committed the Crime.

Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Governor Harmon yesterday pardoned Rufus Burcham, a life-term man. Burcham was convicted of complicity in a murder at Portsmouth for which Mose Johnson was electrocuted in 1904. Burcham was exonerated of the charge against him by Johnson in a confession, but the warden to whom Johnson confessed died suddenly before he had made a statement of the confession.

Johnson's confession, however, was corroborated by other persons who claimed to know of it and Governor Harmon consequently made the pardon.

Ladies and Gents.

Solid gold, gold filled and silver watches one of my specialties. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. de 3-tf.

ROOSEVELT IS INTERVIEWED

Says He is Not Taking Any Part in New York Politics—Will Not Attend Peace Dinner. People Afraid.

New York, Dec. 26.—Theodore Roosevelt announced this afternoon that he was taking no part in the New York State political situation and that "not a single human being" had asked him to lend his influence to the support of any candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor next year. Previous to this announcement, Col. Roosevelt had an hour's conference with Darwin P. James, Jr., president of the Young Republican Club, of Brooklyn.

"They haven't asked me because I'm not in politics and nobody expects me to be in politics."

When asked if he had been requested to further the candidacy of any one for the Republican nomination for governor: "You have had callers who talked politics, haven't you?" Col. Roosevelt was asked.

"The people are afraid to come to see me," he replied, "because they think they will be compromised by this talk of politics. But I'll see anybody; I'm not afraid of being compromised."

"A New York paper printed a story this morning that you would not attend the peace dinner to be held here on the 30th because you had been counted among the political enemies of President Taft," said a reporter. "Do you wish to comment upon it, Colonel?"

"Think of it!" exclaimed Mr. Roosevelt. "Just think of that!"

"That part of the story was placed up in black type," replied the reporter."

"It should have been in red," said Col. Roosevelt, smiling. "And dripping at that. Dripping great gouts of red!"

Introducing to the newspaper men a young man of great physique as "the brother of the ex-champion amateur heavy-weight boxer of the United States and a friend of mine," Colonel Roosevelt remarked: "This goes to show that I have some friends left, even if I am not going to the peace dinner."

TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON.

Contest Over Constitutionality of Indiana Pure Food Law.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The spectacular contest which has been waged over the constitutionality of the Indiana pure food law of 1907 was today transferred to Washington when he fight was renewed in the Supreme Court of the United States. The court is expected in this case, whether any State may enact legislation regulating food brought into a State from another.

Attorneys for Marion W. Savage filed with the court their reasons why the law should be declared unconstitutional. Their brief was submitted in a suit by their client to enjoin State Chemist Jones from enforcing the law. Savage claimed to be the owner and sole proprietor of a business known and conducted under the title of International Stock Food Company, manufacturing in Minnesota a preparation for cattle and selling it in Indiana and other States. The United States Circuit Court for Indiana declined to enjoin the chemist from enforcing the law and Savage appealed to the Supreme Court.

One of the points urged against the law was that it constituted a regulation of interstate commerce, already regulated by the Federal pure food and drugs act of 1906. It was urged that if the Indiana law was upheld that the merchant or manufacturer must comply with two standards, that fixed by the Federal government and that by the State.

TO EXTEND PRACTICE.

Saving to Government in Carrying Second Class Mail by Freights.

New York, Dec. 26.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock intends to extend the practice of carrying second class mail by fast freight trains. He so stated in an answer he filed in the United States Circuit Court today in the case of the Review of Reviews Company, which complained of discrimination because its magazines were carried by freight instead of by mail trains through the Middle West for distribution to far distant points. The Postmaster General says the government lost seven cents a pound on all second class matter transported from New York to the Pacific coast by mail trains in 1907, 1908, but that since early this year, when the fast freight rule was enforced on certain periodicals issued at intervals of a week or more, a saving of $1,400,000 has been made. The rule has so far been applied only to the so-called third central section, but as soon as contracts with railroads in three other sections expire the rule will be enforced there. This, says the Pastmaster General, will make an annaul saving of $3,000,000 in the transportation of second class mail.

MOTHER SLASHED WRISTS

Thought She Had Poisoned Children—Made Effort to Relieve Them

Seneca Falls, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Driven frantic it is thought, by her belief that she had given her two children poison in mistake for medicine, Mrs. Curle, wife of a prominent merchant of Waterloo, Seneca county, sought to save them from a death of torture today by slashing their wrists with a paring knife. The distraught woman then tried to commit suicide by making ugly gashes in her own wrists. All have a chance to recover.

PEACE DINNER IS BEING DISTURBED

Roosevelt Replied to Invitations and Refuses to Attend.

HIS SENTIMENTS AT VARIANCE

Says Those Accepting Invitations to the Dinner and Not Agreeing With Its Purpose Are Traitors.

New York, Dec. 26.—Close on the heels of one great peace meeting which was broken up by disturbers opposed to the ratification of President Taft's proposed treaties with England and France, disagreements have arisen over what is being planned as one of the greatest peace dinners the country has ever seen to be held here Saturday night.

It developed today according to a member in charge of the dinner, that former President Roosevelt had replied to a semi-official invitation to attend the function, at which President Taft will be the principal speaker, with a letter declaring that his sentiments were wholly at variance with those to be expressed at the affair and censuring as "traitors" to their principles all who accepted invitations to the dinner without agreeing with its purposes.

To arrange a peaceful programme, the executive committee of the National Citizens' Committee in charge of the dinner, met late today and discussed the situation. At a meeting of the executive committee last Wednesday a resolution was adopted in executive session authorizing an official invitation to Mr. Roosevelt, but the secretary who was told to send the invitation did not do so in a formal way, but wrote to Mr. Roosevelt first to learn his views. A member of the committee, who would not have his name printed, said tonight that Mr. Roosevelt had replied with a seven-page letter in effect as stated above, leaving no doubt whatever that he would not attend in any circumstances. In another tonight Mr. Roosevelt implied his intention not to attend.

John Temple Graves was selected today as toastmaster of the dinner at which it is expected to seat 1,800 prominent persons, including a whole special train load of diplomats from Washington. A letter received from President Taft today was read. He agreed to be present and to make a speech.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S BIRTHDAY.

Celebrated His 74th Anniversary—Busy at His Desk.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral Geo. Dewey celebrated his 74th anniversary of his birth today. Twelve years after all other naval officers are by law retired from active service, the Admiral was as busy at his desk in his office as he had ever been. Tonight he received a few old friends at his home, among the callers being President Taft and Secretary Hilles. The Admiral believes the secret of goood health to be congenial employment. His admirers accept his theory for his walk is as brisk, and his hand clasp as firm and his energy as abundant as that of a man many years younger. He appeared in his office promptly at 9 o'clock and plunged into his work. At intervals he was interrupted to receive the greetings and congratulations of almost all of the senior officers of the navy and army, and time and again he laid aside official papers to scan some telegram or letter conveying birthday greetings.

With his desk clear soon after noon Admiral Dewey, following his routine, repaired to his home to dine in company with a few chosen guests and his last word upon leaving was an assurance that he would head the line of naval officers which would pass in review before President Taft at the new year day reception at the White House next Monday.

WILL WORK ON MESSAGE

The President Will Next Deal With Economy and Efficiency

Washington, Dec. 26.—For the next week President Taft will work on a message to Congress dealing with economy and efficiency in the government departments. Today the President received a preliminary report from the Economy and Efficiency Commission indicating that many millions might be saved each year if duplication were avoided and changes made in the operation of the various bureaus. The full report will be made to the President in time to be submitted to Congress next month, with a message.

MACON THEORETICALLY "DRY"

But Georgia Town Gets 45 Carloads of Christmas Cheer

(Special Dispatch to Baltimore Sun.) Savannah, Ga., Dec. 25.—Macon, like many other towns in Georgia, is theoretically "dry," but the records of the railroads and express companies show that during the past week alone 35 carloads of Christmas cheer, shipped for the most part from Jacksonville, have been distributed in that city.

Between December 1st and 16th ten more cars were distributed, making a total of 45 cars of whiskey to allay the Christmas thirst of the inhabitants of Macon.

EXPLOSION FOLLOWS FIRE

Depot at Elm City Burns, Dynamite Shakes the Town—Conductor Cotton Slightly Injured—Some Cotton Burned.

Elm City, N. C., Dec. 26.—During the progress of a fire which completely destroyed the Atlantic Coast Line depot here at an early hour this morning, 400 pounds of dynamite in the freight warehouse exploded with terrific force, the detonations from which awoke the inhabitants for miles around and in the town shattered many window lights and shook a number of chimneys from their foundations.

Night Operator Harris was on duty in the depot when the fire was discovered and escaped just before the explosion. Conductor Cotton, in charge of a freight train, which had just drawn up at the station, and who was assisting in pulling some of the rolling stock from off the sidetrack in the zone of the fire, was struck by flying debris from a second explosion of the dynamite and was slightly, but not seriously injured. The depot, its contents and about 80 bales of cotton on the platform were entirely consumed, while adjoining property was also damaged.

Bales of cotton stored on the depot platform were hurled across the street by the force of the explosion and people all over town were rudely awakened from their sleep by the fearful detonations of the explosion. No one was hurt with the exception of Capt. Cotton, who, after applying bandages to wounds about his head, proceeded with his train after the fire. The fire originated perhaps from a defective flue in the ticket office of the station. The night operator ran out without his hat and said that when he discovered the fire, the office was in a light blaze. The hour was about 4 o'clock and very few persons were up, but after the explosions hundreds hurried to the scene and assisted in saving what of the property they could. About the time of the first explosion Capt. Cotton's train hove in sight and the engine was quickly detached and hauled a number of cars from the siding to a place of safety. On the cotton yard in close proximity to the depot were 80 bales belonging to Messrs. Braswell, Dawes & Co., 150 bales belonging to Mr. John L. Bailey, and 11 bales owned by Mr. George Barnes. The explosion hurled the fire around and many of these bales were either badly damaged or destroyed altogether. The railroad company has issued bills of lading for a part of the cotton.

The dynamite is known as "40 per cent." explosive and had been shipped to Mr. R. S. Wells for the purpose of blasting stumps.

TREASURER GENERAL SHUSTER.

Thought That Termination of His Persian Activities is Near.

Washington, Dec. 26.—American Treasurer General Shuster's contract with the Persian government to manage the finances of Persia has not been formally cancelled so far as the State Department can learn. A cablegram received today from American Minister Russel at Teheran, however, dealt with plans being made to get Mr. Shuster and his family safely out of Persia. Hence it is assumed that the formalities attending the termination of Mr. Shuster's activities in that country will not be long delayed.

The meagreness of the news that his coming to the outer world from the Persian capital has led to the suspicion that a severe censorship is being exercised over the newspaper dispatches by the Russians, who control some of the telegraphic channels of communication. The last preceding dispatch from any of the State Department's representatives in Persia came last Saturday from Mr. Paddock, consul at Tabriz, and referred briefly to desultory street fighting in that city.

OUTLINES.

President's Taft's next message to Congress will deal with the subject of economy and efficiency in government departments——Admiral George Dewey yesterday celebrated the 74th anniversary of his birth——An explosion of 400 pounds of dynamite at Elm City yesterday caused a fire which destroyed the A. C. L. depot and all its contents——The trial of the Chicago packers was resumed yesterday. The government has revealed details of a merger of the Armour, Swift and Morris interests amounting to $500,000,000. It is the government's contention to show that there was a plan to get control of the meat industry of the country——Roosevelt has made the announcement that he is not taking any interest in the New York State politics. He refuses to attend the peace dinner to be held in New York because he is not in favor of the policy of the meetings——Seeing visions at night of his victim, John H. Martin surrendered to the Baltimore police and confessed to killing Wm. H. Mickle, an aged store keeper, in Washington. Another man had been arrested charged with the crime——Portions of China are infested with robbers and anarchists and attempts to kill missionaries have been reported——An operating amalagamation of the Bell and Cumberland telephone companies is to be voted upon next month. The change is for the purpose of co-operating both lines for better service, it is stated.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 3 1-2 to 3 3-4 per cent.; ruling rate 3 3-4; closing bid, 3 1-2; offered at 3 3-4. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour quiet. Wheat spot, easy, No. 2 red 95 3-4 elevator, export basis to arrive; No. 2 red 97 1-4 fob afloat. Corn easy, export new, 69 3-4 fob afloat. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

REYES WILL SOON BE PUT ON TRIAL

Least Punishment He Can Expect is Ten Years Imprisonment.

HE MAY GET DEATH PENALTY

A Military Court Will Pass Judgment Upon Him—Will be Taken to $ Mexico City for Trial at and Early Date.

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Death may be the penalty Gen. Bernardo Reyes will get for his effort to overthrow President Madero. The least he can expect is ten years' imprisonment. The Mexican law provides these extremes for the crime of inciting rebellion. It is not general that the extreme penalty will be inflicted, but a term in the penitentiary for a venerable prisoner with his 74 years will doubtless be the equivalent.

A military court, drawn by lot from those eligible to service, will pass judgment upon him. The court will consist of two generals of division and five brigadiers, with Gen. Alexandro Peszo, chief of Reyes' staff when he was minister of war under Gen. Diaz, as presiding officer. Gen. Peszo has long been chief magistrate of the military court, and bears an excellent reputation for admiring exact justice.

Although he had retired from the army, Gen. Reyes was entitled under military usage to receive aid from the army as though in active service. On the other hand, as a retired officer he is liable to punishment by a military court for offenses committed against the army. His offense consisted in calling upon the army to rise in rebellion.

Orders were sent early in the day to Gen. Trevino at Monterey, to have Reyes brought to the capital at the earliest possible date. It is expected that he will be here by the last of the present week and that little time will be lost thereafter in placing him on trial.

Trouble Still Going On.

Tenancingo, Mex., Dec. 26.—Thirteen out of a detachment of twenty rurales were killed in a hand to hand fight with 300 Zapatistas, near Santa Maria, southwest of this city, Sunday.

The women, wives of rurales, and a child, witnessed the butchery. When they shouted for mercy for the men, they were killed and their bodies mutilated.

LOCKOUT IS CERTAIN.

Cotton Workers Numbering 160,000 in Lancashire Out of Jobs.

Manchester, England, Dec. 26.—Nothing has happened to warrant the hope that the lockout of 160,000 cotton workers in Lancashire can be averted. The lockout is scheduled for tomorrow and officially both sides maintain an uncompromising attitude. The weavers in the Halene mill at Accrington went on strike December 20, because of the employment of non-union labor. Two days later the committee of the Lancashire cotton spinners and manufacturers' association decided to lock out the workers in all the mills belonging to the federation as a protest against the attempts of trade unionists to force weavers to join their ranks.

Today was a general holiday and few cotton men remained in Manchester; therefore, it was not possible to ascertain the views of the majority but among some there is a disposition to refer the dispute to the industrial council, of which Sir George Askew, the noted strike settler, is president.

Meanwhile, the original cause of the dispute, the refusal of a man and his wife to join the union at Accrington—is likely to be removed. It is said that the man has agreed to join and that his wife will leave town.

The federation of master cotton spinners, will meet here tomorrow, and it is expected in event of a general shut-down of the weaving sheds that they will propose the early closing of the spinning mills in Lancashire, as it is pointed out that it would be ruinous to current spinning yarn while the looms are idle. This would cause a general suspension of labor in the cotton districts.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO

Engagement Reported Between Riff Tribesmen and Spanish Troops

Madrid, Dec. 26.—Further fighting is reported in official dispatches which reached here today from Melilla, Morocco. There have been several engagements between Riff tribesmen and the Spanish troops. The tribesmen met with a severe repulse December 22nd and were again driven back on the two days' firing. Yesterday at day break five Spanish columns attacked the Riffians simultaneously. The tribesmen, unable to withstand the assault, were driven across the river, leaving a large number dead on the field. Quantities of arms and ammunition were captured by the Spaniards, whose loss is reported as two killed and forty wounded.

20 Years Building Up.

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VISIONS CAUSED CONFESSION

Man Surrendered to Baltimore Police and Said He Killed Storekeeper. Another Had Been Arrested.

Baltimore, Dec. 26.—Haunted by visions of his victim, John Henry Martin surrendered to the police here today declaring that he was the murderer of William H. Mickle, an old storekeeper in Seventh street, Washington, on November 17th last. Martin, who appears to be a nervous wreck, said that he entered the store, struck the man over the head with a wrench, took the contents of the cash drawer and fled. He said that he went to West Virginia and did not know that the man he assaulted was dead until he read it two weeks ago in a Washington newspaper. He saw also that someone else had ben arrested for the crime.

The memory of his deed and the thought that an innocent person might suffer for it, drove him to a Catholic confessional where he told his story to the priest. It was on the advice of the latter, Martin said, that he surrendered himself.

Martin formerly lived at Cumberland, Md. He has been in Baltimore only a few days, he said. He told the police that his first thought after reading of the arrest of another for the murder was that he had had a lucky escape.

"Then," he said, "I began worrying. I could not rest; I could not sleep. I have been in misery.

"I would rather be hanged or have anything else done to me than to be tormented by my thoughts. The man I killed kept a cigar store on Seventh street, Washington. I went in there and asked him for money. He refused me and I struck him over the head with a monkey wrench. Then I ran away. I went to West Virginia and came here about three weeks ago from Berkley Springs. I am a baker by trade and am not married.

"Ever since I read that I had killed the man I struck I have seen faces at night when I was in bed. I can see the picture of that cigar store."

INQUIRE INTO SANITY.

Malcolm C. Patterson, Charged With Murder, Being Examined.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—Inquiry into the sanity of Malcolm C. Patterson, son of former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, who shot and wounded R. T. Seal, on December 7th, was begun today by a committee of physicians. The first testimony was concerning a serious illness in Memphis, which affected young Patterson's mind while he was a boy. The illness, it was testified, had resulted in later years in attacks of epilepsy.

Former Governor Patterson testified that during his son's school days he failed to attain more than a mediocre record. He resorted to low companionship, refusing to associate with persons of his family's social standing, which frequently led him into many unseemly escapades, one resulting in his being slashed across the face with a knife.

The father further said that one time he received a telegram saying his son was seriously ill in a Denver hospital. He went there and found the boy in perfect health. Finally he sent Malcolm to the coast in the hope his health and mind might be improved. He protested that he believed his son was not sane.

Capt. O. Haver, of the Memphis police, testified that young Patterson had been in frequent brawls and that at one time he was held ten days in the city jail. He did not believe the prisoner sane.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—When Malcolm C. Patterson, son of former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, shot and dangerously wounded R. T. Seal, at Port Orchard, December 7th, he was suffering from alcoholic epilepsy, or "dipsomonia," induced by drinking continuously for five years.

This was the finding of the lunacy commission that sat today to hear the insanity complaint filed by Patterson's father. Th committee said that it was dangerous to permit Patterson to be at large.

In accordance with the finding the defense asked that an order be issued permitting former Governor Patterson to take his son home for treatment. This was ordered by Prosecutor Stevenson who contended that Patterson could not be taken from this State until after he had stood trial on a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Judge Frater granted a stay of three days and if the appeal is not perfected at the end of that time Patterson will be released to the custody of his father under $5,000 bond.

MR. J. J. WOLFENDEN DEAD.

Passed Away at His Home in Newbern Monday Morning—Funeral.

Newbern N. C., Dec. 26.—Surrounded by members of the family, Mr. John J. Wolfenden, a highly esteemed citizen of Newbern, passed away here Monday morning at 4:30 o'clock. He was a prominent Confederate veteran and gave much to the causes of the South.

Mr. Wolfenden was 67 years old. He leaves a wife, two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Hartsfield, Mrs. George Duffy; a brother, Mr. Fred Wolfenden, of Chocowinity, N. C.; a sister, Mrs. H. H. Barber, of Detroit. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at Centenary Methodist church.

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street de 3-tf.

ROBBERS INFEST PARTS OF CHINA

Eighty Missionaries Arrive at Hankow from Hu-Peh Province.

THE WORK OF THE ROBBERS

Misionary Commands Militia for Protection Against Robbers—Attempt to Murder Missionary and Wife

Hankow, China, Dec. 26.—Eighty missionaries, a majority of whom are Scandinavians and Americans, have arrived here from the Laohow and Fancheng districts in the province of Hu-Peh. The missionaries were escorted from their stations first by revolutionary troops and afterwards by Imperial soldiers. They report that the cities in the province are peaceful but the country is infested with robbers.

The Rev. C. W. Landaht, a missionary of The Hague's synodes mission in Tai Pang Tien, at the request of the villagers, took command of an improvised militia for protection against robbers and with the assistance of the people captured a robber spy. The people, in spite of Landaht's efforts, killed the spy after which men, women and children dipped their bread in his blood with the idea that by doing so they would become brave. The revolutionists sent out a small cavalry force and killed many of the robbers. The remainder of the band then submitted and Mr. Landaht departed for Hankow.

Consular reports from Cheng-Tu, capital of the province of Cze-Chuen, dated December 5th, say complete anarchy prevails in the surrounding country. There has been much robbery and the people have buried their money.

The British consul at Ichang, province of Hu-Peh, writing on December 21st, says that there is serious danger of an anti-foreign outbreak there.

A letter from Sian-Fu says that the Rev. Donald Smith, a missionary of the English Baptist mission, and his wife, attempted to take the Chinese school girls to their homes in the north of Sian-Fu. A band of robbers attacked them, seized Mr. Smith, broke both his arms and stunned him. They then gashed his wife on the leg and left them both for dead, but they revived and were conveyed back to Sian-Fu.

Wan Tien Chung, a notorious brigand, who has committed many robberies in the western districts of the province of Honan, is reported to have collected a band of 2,000 or 3,000 followers.

Settlement of Question.

New York, Dec. 26.—Settlement of the question of the future government in China, now the subject of the peace conference, between revolutionaries and the imperialists at Shanghai is expected "within two or three days", according to a cablegram received here today by the Columbia University Chinese students from Tang Shao Yi, representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, at the conference.

The message is an answer to a long cablegram sent to Tang Shao Yi yesterday by the club in behalf of the Chinese students of the U. V. S. which was asked to deliver the Premier and Wu Ting Fang, chief of the revolutionary delegates, with a copy.

The students urged the adoption of a Republican form of government. In reply Tant Sho Ti says:

"I earnestly wish that the situation may be peacefully settled and I will do my best to serve the people. I expect that a settlement will be reached within two or three days."

Premier Will Accept.

London, Dec. 27.—A Peking dispatch says that after conferring with the Imperial princes and nobles, Premier Yuan Shi Kai sent a cablegram last night to Lang Sho Yi, his representative at the peace conference at Shanghai, accepting in principle the action of the national convention in deciding whether China should be transformed into a republic or remain a monarchy.

The Premier points out it must be truly representative, and must not attempt to take snap judgment, otherwise its decision would not have the nation's confidence. Several months preparation, he says, will therefore be necessary, and Lang Sho Yi is instructed to discuss with Wu Ting Fang and the other revolutionary leaders plans for the election. Meantime, says Yuan Shi Kai, the energies of both sides should be devoted to restoring peace.

Break of Negotiations Expected

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegram from Peking says a rupture of the negotiations at Shanghai is expected at any moment The republican exteremists are clamoring for the resumption of hostilities while the imperialists continue the concentration of troops. It is said that Yuan Sho Kai has collected $5,000,000 from the so-called patriotic bonds. The republicans also are raising funds with greater facility.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 26.—The 11-year-old son of Wilbur Fry, a prominent resident of Milton, was shot and probably fatally injured today from ambush while standing on the front porch of his father's home. It is believed he was shot by mistake. The authorities have no clue to the assailant.

MR. J. E. MONTAGUE DEAD

Well-known Hotel Man, Formerly in Business in Wilmington

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26.—Many friends throughout the State and especially in Wilmington, where he was formerly engaged in the hotel business, will hear with regret of the death of Mr. J. E. Montague, which occurred at the Charlotte Sanatorium yesterday mornig after an illness of some time. He was between 55 and 60 years of age and had been in the hotel business practically all his life. He was proprietor of the Falls House in Gastonia and the Hickory Inn, at Hickory, N. C., but prior to that time was connected with The Orton and possibly The Purcell, at Wilmington He was brought here from Gastonia several days ago for treatment and the end, while not unexpected, was a shock to many friends. The funeral took place this morning at 9 o'clock at Belmont with the honors of the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a devoted member. A large delegation from Charlotte went to Belmont to attend the obsequies.

The services were in charge of Fathers Melchoir and Felix, while members of the order of Knights of Columbus acted as an escort. The party attending from Charlotte went over to Belmont on early train and returned about 10 A. M. today.

Mr. Montague, though he had never resided in Charlotte, had a large acquaintanceship in this city and many friends.

Editor Wade Harris in this afternoon's Chronicle pays Mr. Montague the following tribute under the head "His Register Closed":

"Yesterday morning a friend carried a jar of hyacinths to the Charlotte Sanatorium, to brighten the sick room of Mr. J. E. Montague, and arriving there with the little token was met with the information that Mr. Montague was dead. He had passed away but a few moments before. Mr. Montague was a hotel man of State-wide reputation. The commercial travelers would throw down their grips in his house, put their names on his register and know that it would be all right. No hotel man ever looked out more closely for the comfort and welfare of the women and children. His best services was at The Orton Hotel in Wilmington. Later he kept the Hickory Inn, and after its destruction went to Newton where he took charge of the Virginia Shipp Hotel. Shortly afterwards he bought the Falls House, in Gastonia, which he had been building up into a fine property. Mr. Montague had been in the hospital here for four weeks, his life gradually wearing out, and he entirely conscious of it. He was prepared for the end As he had to go, we have an idea that he would have as well desired his wearied soul to take its flight on the morning when the world was celebrating the Nativity. It shall always be a matter of regret to us, as it will be to hundreds of others in North Carolina that we shall not again be privileged to write our name on Montague's register."

FUNERAL IN FLORENCE.

Young Wilmingtonian Highly Esteemed in City of Adoption.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 26.—The Times this afternoon says:

The news of the death of Mr. Dawson Latham, which was published in this paper on Saturday afternoon, was a sad shock to his relatives and friends. Mr. Latham had been in bad health for a long time, but had recently materially improved and the most encouraging news had been received from him until the day before his death. He was receiving treatment at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Nash, in Wilmington.

Mr. Latham had been a resident of Florence for a number of years, during which time he was in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line as a yard engineer. He married Miss Gracie Naismith, the youngest daughter of Mr. Tom Naismith, of this city, several years ago.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Cronly, of Wilmington, and one brother, and his young wife.

He was a member of the local order of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and was among the most popular and universally liked young men in the service of the Coast Line.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the house of his father-in-law, being conducted by Rev. R. T. Gillespie, and the interment was at Mt. Hope.

CRUDE OIL ADVANCE.

Price of Commodity to Producers Goes Up Five Cents.

Pittsburg, Dec. 26.—Announcement was made today by the Joseph Seep purchasing agency, now the buying power of the old Standard Oil organization, of an advance in Pennsylvania crude of five cents a barrel, bringing the price paid independent producers to $1.23 per barrel. Other grades were raised in proportion as follows:

Somerset, 79 cents, an advance of five cents; Ragland, 48 cents, an advance of three cents.

No change was made in the price paid for Mercer black, Cabell, Newcastle and Corning.

The last preceding change in the price of Pennsylvania, the basis of the crude oil market, was made June 11, 1910, when the price was reduced to $1.30. Officials of the Standard companies stated that there was no particular shortage in the grades of oil affected and expressed the belief that the advance had come as an indication that times were much better and the companies which once had made up the great organization could afford it. It was predicted that it will stimulate development.

CHARLOTTE DIAMOND.

Stolen From Jewelry Establishment During Holidays.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26.—The largest diamond ring in the elegant jewelry store of Garibaldi, Bruns & Dixon was stolen Saturday by a Charlotte man, who walked in and asked to be shown rings of the kind. In place of the ring, a $20 or $25 diamond was substituted and the theft was not discovered for an hour or more after it occurred.

The stolen gem is valued at more than $500 and the person who secured it is known by the proprietors of the store.

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Patricia O'Brien, Queen of the Chorus, rolled through a dramatic refinery in James Forbes international comedy, "The Chorus Lady," will make her appearance at the Academy as a big Christmas week attraction Saturday, matinee and night. "The Chorus Lady" has scored one of the greatest hits of the American stage in recent years and she comes to this city with the endorsement of a year's run in New York, nine months in Boston, six months in Chicago, and six months in London, England.

The play is a four act comedy and contrary to the title, is not a musical

NORA AND CRAWFORD.
In the Chorus Lady, Academy, Matinee and Night Saturday.

show, though a dozen girls are carried for the famous dressing room scene in the second act. It is a story of stage life, with a fetching theme and a serious lesson. It pictures certain phases of life in that mysterious land, "behind the scenes," dealing with the rank and file, rather than upper stardom, which field has been frequently invaded by American authors.

Patricia O'Brien is the commonly accepted type of the chorus girl, so far as her vernacular and her general bearing are concerned, but her honesty of purpose and her wholesome humanity stamp her as a most unusual young person and help make the character one of the most original and at the same time most convincing and appealing that has been brought forward on the stage in many a day. Seats for both performances will go on sale at Plummer's Friday morning.

At the Bijou.

The Bijou, to use a trite expression, continues to "hit 'em up in high places" in the way of providing holiday shows, which are furnishing big delight for home folks and rare treats for the young men and young ladies home to spend the Christmas holidays. Yesterday's bill was another great success, while today's will be a merry and glittering repeater, filled with the latest and most entrancing of musical numbers and the freshest and most expensive of film triumphs. A star film for today is "Uncle's Money." It is a rare combination of fun and drama, and it teaches a big lesson. A rich uncle is invited to make his home with a happy couple, who, however, have designs on his money. When they think that he is poor they become disgusted and "throw" him out. But it was all a mistake, and he has the coin. Then he gets the laugh on them, and the discomfiture of the mercenary relatives is highly amusing. Yet such is very often life, it is sad to relate. Another big star film for today s "Art and Music", and it also deals with one of life's problems. It shows how a couple in love with each other separate on account of the respective art of the other, but how in the end they are brought together and realize that happiness is above all else. The story is well told and it is stirring. The other films are also big ones, and today's Bijou bill certainly should not be missed. It should also be remembered that the Bijou is always as "warm as a toast."

At The Grand Theatre

"How Sir Andrew Lost His Vote," from "In The Fog," an adaptation of Richard Harding Davis' clever story, will be the topliner at The Grand Theatre today, though there will be two other big photo-plays, one of them a big Lubin, "Sergeant White's Peril." "How Sir Andrew Lost His Vote" is an intensely enthralling drama and has to do with holding a certain influential member of the English Parliament away from his seat until after the House has taken up a certain bill. The scenes show some of the fashionable drawing rooms and other places in England, while through the entire story is a vein of comedy that lightens the play to an extent that makes it real fascinating. The other pictures are equally as good, while Mr. Morgan will have a brand new song that will please his many friends and admirers among the jolly throngs who always visit The Grand, sunshine or rain, stress or storm.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—Well, the Atlanta blind tigers have got their Christmas present, too, in the shape of an announcement from the city council that henceforth the recorder will have the right of sending them to the stockade for 12 months instead of for only 30 days as in the past. So now, when a blind tiger gets down and out he is sure of finding a permanent home.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 26.—The Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. defeated Washington and Lee University tonight at basketball by a score of 38 to 13. The 'varsity team was completely outclassed, this being especially true as to team work.

The Southern National Bank

Wishes its Friends and Patrons a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GEN. REYES TALKS.

Pleads for the Men Who Followed Him in His Effort.

Linares, Mex., Dec. 26.—"I alone am responsible and wish to assume all blame for the affair," said General Bernardo Reyes, tonight. "I asked clemency and even pardon for the few men who followed me, but as for myself, I ask nothing. I shall, of course, be judged according to the law."

Reyes' white-haired head was bowed as he talked of his failure to overthrow the government. He is defeated, and frankly admits it. How soon he will be taken from here and placed on trial for sedition he does not know, but he assumes it will be tomorrow.

Clad in clothing sent to him by friendly citizens of Linares, and lodged in the home of Frederico Gomez, a man politically opposed to him, Reyes today received both friends and foes as well as those merely curious. Today the street in front of his temporary home was filled with hundreds anxious to catch sight of the man who for almost a generation ruled them from his seat of power in Monterey, as Governor of the State.

Reyes declared that the situation had been misrepresented to him. "I was told," he said, "that as soon as I crossed the border the people would rise, that in Chiva alone there were awaiting me 600 men. Do you know how many I found there? One! And so I judged the situation. Although too late, at last I realized the people wanted no more war.

"I might have maintained a guerilla warfare, but I considered that unjustifiable and determined to surrender. Now my desire is that I may be the only victim. With my own ashes, I hope to be able to suffocate the flames of revolt."

MERRY XMAS AT 110.

"Granny" Wagoner as Joyous as Anyone for the Yuletide.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 26.—Greeting cheerfully the neighbors who came to wish her well, Mrs. Lucy Wagoner, who claims to be 110 years old, and who lives just across the line in Taney county, Ark., said she spent as "Merry a Christmas as any one in the State."

"Granny" Wagoner, as she is called, lives alone in a log cabin and makes her own living by working in the cotton fields and doing odd jobs. She says she was born in Tennessee in 1801, and that she has eight great-great-grandchildren, besides numerous other descendants.

TIGER SAFE BLOWN.

Thunderbolt Establishment Visited by Yeggmen—Got Xmas Receipts.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26.—The near-beer saloon and grocery store of William Sawyer, of Thunderbolt, a resort a few miles from Savannah, was entered shortly before day this morning by yeggmen who tried to blow the safe open. Failing in this, the visitors took the safe, which was a small one, and loaded it into a wheelbarrow, carried it some distance down the road, where they evidently had a vehicle waiting to carry it further. Officers are now on their trail. The safe contained all of Sawyer's Christmas receipts, about $900.

BECOMES CHIPPEWA SQUAW.

Freak Notion of Kentucky Girl at Duluth, Mich.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 26.—Miss Katherine Green, of Henderson, Ky., has become a Chippewa squaw—that is officially. The Kentucky girl was adopted into the tribe several days ago in Washington, it became known here today. Her sponsor was Leonidas Merritt, of Duluth, who recently was a witness in the Congressional steel inquiry.

Merritt is a Chippewa by adoption, and as chiefs of the Nikaniss band are all dead Merritt was thus empowered to confer the honor of adoption upon Miss Green.

PROPOSE BOYCOTT.

Russian Province May Turn Down American Goods.

London, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that through the medium of Count Stenbock, former marshal of nobility of Kherson, an overwhelming majority of the zemstvo members in that province are addressing all the zemstvos in Russia, proposing a boycott of American machinery and goods. This action, it is urged, should be taken as a protest against American interference in internal affairs.

WABASH RECEIVERSHIP.

Employes Are Formally Notified of the Conditions.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—The first official announcement of the receivership of the Wabash Railroad is being distributed today all over the system. Until further orders, the circular says, all of its employes will be continued in the same positions as heretofore. Prompt attention is promised to the payment of all outstanding indebteness for labor and supplies.

CHRISTMAS BOOZE.

Estimated That $250,000 Worth Was Shipped Out of Bristol.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 25.—Bristol whiskey houses, after an unusual rush, have been closed since Saturday night, and will not open until tomorrow morning. It is estimated that local whiskey men did a business of probably more than $250,000, and it is said that the postoffice money orders for whiskey alone during the past week probably amounted to almost $50,000.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 26.—Delegates from Chapters of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in Virginia and the two Carolinas arrived here tonight to take part in the annual conclave of Province Six, comprising these three States, which opens here tomorrow at noon. The conclave will continue for two days.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Negotiations are in progress here, it is stated, for a combination of collar manufacturers which is to include all the large plants in Troy, together with branch factories in other places. The capitalization is to be $20,000,000. New York bankers are said to be promoting the merger.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Emperor personally opened the diet today. In his speech he deeply deplored the disturbances in China and prays for a speedy restoration of peace.

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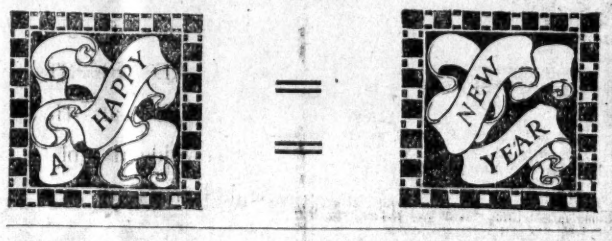

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Men's Felt Slippers, black	$1.50
Men's Kid Opera Slippers, black and tan	$1.50 and $1.75
Men's Dancing Pumps, patent and gun metal	$2.50
Puttee Riding Leggins	$3.50 and $4.00

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SEAWELL IS ELECTED CLERK

Succeeds Late Col. Thos. S. Kenan With Supreme Court—L. M. Sandlin Will Likely Die For Crime Committed

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26.—Joseph L. Seawell, who 27 years ago, entered the office as a barefooted messenger boy, was today sworn in as Clerk to the Supreme Court to succeed Col Thos. S. Kenan, who died Saturday. There were several applicants for the place, but no other name was considered by members of the Supreme Court, and the election was unanimous.

It is practically certain that L. M. Sandlin, the Wilmington wife-murderer, will be electrocuted Friday. Physicians say, it is said on good authority, that the man is sane, and since the jury passed on this question at the trial, there seems nothing for the Governor to do but allow the law to take its course. It is believed there will be no executive interference with the execution.

Francis Ruggles, a white boy, aged seventeen, was shot and killed at Southern Pines depot late last night by Eustace Robertson, a negro. The two, it is said, were quarreling. The negro is reported captured at Hoffman, the Seaboard station south of Southern Pines.

At Hamlet Monday night while a group of young railroad men were seated in a room at a boarding house, a pistol being handled by one of them went off accidentally and a young flagman by the name of Funderburk, of Monroe, was critically injured. He was shot through the abdomen and the wound may prove fatal.

HOMICIDE AT NEWBERN.

Baker Bryan Shoots Young Engineer Down on Christmas Night.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 26.—Baker Bryan, a notorious character and a man who has given the local police much trouble, shot and almost instantly killed William Avery, a young engineer on the Norfolk Southern Railroad, while the latter was walking down Cedar street, about 11 o'clock last evening. The coroner's jury had an inquest today, and laid the blame of the affair on Bryan. He was committed to jail, without bond, to await the next term of Superior Court. Bryan claims that he thought the cartridges in the pistol were blanks. However, his story is given very little credence by those who are familiar with the facts in the case.

Young Avery is 23 years of age and is an engineer on the yards here, a son of Mr. Ferney Avery, of this city. Young Avery was at West and Cedar streets with a number of others when Bryan pushed his way through the crowd and seemed to have pointed straight at the engineer. The ball passed through the young man in the region of the heart, causing death almost instantly. Two witnesses were secured who saw the shooting and testified to the facts as related. Search was immediately made for Bryan upon report to police headquarters and he was found in a house nearby lying down. He was arrested and sent at once to jail for the coroner's inquest today.

KILLED SUNDAY NIGHT.

John Cameron, Negro, Shot by Mary Cameron, His Wife, at Godwin.

(Fayetteville Observer, 26th.)

Sunday night, at 7 o'clock, Mary Cameron, a negro woman, shot and killed her husband, John Cameron during a quarrel at Godwin, 18 miles north of here. She gives her evidence to the effect that Cameron wished her to play a game of cards with him, and she, being a religious woman, refused to play with him on Sunday. John then got his gun and told her that if she did not play with him he would kill her. A scuffle ensued, in which she got the gun away from her husband. Cameron then went out of the door and said he was going to a neighbor's house, one Starling, get his gun and come back and kill her.

When Cameron got to the gate, about 15 feet from the door, Mary leveled the gun and fired, the ball taking effect in the back part of the head behind the ear and killing him instantly. Mary said that she did not shoot at her husband, but shot in his direction.

Dr. J. V. McGougan, county coroner, went to Godwin, but did not hold an inquest, as the woman gave in her evidence very straight, and he will simply send her on to the grand jury at the next term of criminal court. Deputy Sheriff Pope arrested Mary after the killing and brought her to Fayetteville, where she is now in jail.

XMAS TRAGEDY IN JONES

Young Man Went Hunting, Gun Accidentally Discharged—Killed

(Special Star Telegram.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 26.—News was received here today of a horrible accident which occurred near Maysville on Christmas Day, and which has cast a pall of gloom over the entire community. Early in the day the young son of Mr. Fred Nelson, who lives in that locality, who was in charge of Munger & Bennett's interests there, took his shot gun and started off alone for a hunt. The hours sped by and he failed to put in his appearance. His father becoming alarmed, secured assistance and a search was made. After some considerable time, his body was found. The entire load of shot from the gun which he carried had entered the upper part of his body, and must have killed him almost instantly. It is supposed that the lad was carrying the weapon by the barrel and that a projecting twig caught the hammer and caused it to fire.

Sampson at Gaza.

A familiar story is that of Sampson pulling down the pillars of the temple of Gaza, whereby the roof fell upon the Philistines. How Samson was able to do this is now known. Excavations on the site of Gaza show that the pillars of the temple were of wood, and rested upon foundations of stone without being fastened thereto. The strong man had, therefore, merely to push these pillars off their supporting stones, when down would come the front of the whole building.

26 YEARS IN THE GALLEYS

Grim Story of Murder Recalled by King's Pardon of Convict

Milan, Dec. 26.—One of the grimmest murder stories of modern times enters into the life history of Antonio Tozzi, a butcher from the Abruzzi Mountains, to whom the King of Italy has just granted a free pardon for good conduct after spending over 26 years in the galleys.

Antonio, in partnership with his father, owned the principal meat depot at Monterotondo, where his pretty sister, Carolina, was being courted by a 19-year-old swain, Domenico Poggi Between the two families interested in the courtship a feud arose and waxed so fierce that Tozzi and his son planned to revenge themselves with diabolical cunning.

On the glorious May evening in 1885 young Poggi entered Tozzi's shop at sunset to plead earnestly for a reconciliation. Tozzi and son appeared to be in a better humor than usual, and while the father busied himself closing the shutters of the shop, Antonio, lighting a lantern, invited the young Poggi to accompany him below into a subterranean slaughter house, on the pretext of showing him some fine animals freshly killed. On hearing his father's footsteps in the rear Antonio, approaching his sister's sweetheart from behind, dealt him a terrific blow on the back of the head with a huge hammer used for felling bullocks. Poggi dropped unconscious and Antonio dragged the victim by the hair to a block, whereon he severed the head, the father holding the body downwards by the waist till every drop of blood had been drained into the pails. The murderers then proceeded to mutilate the corpse.

Carrying away portions of the victim in a basket and burying the same at nightfall on the hillside proved their undoing, for shepherds' dogs unearthed the shocking evidences of the tragedy. The father died before the trial was finished, but Antonio, who had stoutly protested his innocence, made a clean breast of the crime after he had been condemned to lifelong imprisonment.

AGED MAN SUICIDES.

Lincoln, Neb., Man Found With His Throat Cut.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 26.—William Patterson, of Lincoln, Neb., a friend of W. J. Bryan, who disappeared from his daughter's home here on Sunday morning, was found today with his throat cut, near a quarry in North Plainfield. A bloody razor lay by his side and the police say that it is a case of suicide.

Mr. Patterson left his wife and two children in Lincoln several weeks ago to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter here, Mrs. Leroy H. Gates. He formerly owned a wholesale hardware establishment in Lincoln, which was destroyed by fire some time ago. Of late he had been despondent. The police of New Jersey and New York were searching for him when the body was found.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 26.—When he left Lincoln a month ago to visit relatives at Plainfield, N. J., William Patterson, who is believed to have committed suicide, was in poor health and expressed the belief he would not get well.

Mr. Patterson was prominent politically several years since. He was mayor of Central City, Neb., 20 years ago, and in the last two Presidential campaigns of W. J. Bryan was active in his interest. Mr. Patterson was 65 years old. His widow, a son and a daughter live in Lincoln.

RICH MEN DELIVER MAIL.

Drive Their Automobiles, With Regular Carriers as Passengers.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 25.—With millionaires as their chauffeurs and costly automobiles as their burden bearers, mail carriers of Pasadena delivered thousands of letters and packages today. The novel sight of Uncle Sam's postmen, usually seen during the Yuletide season staggering along under heavy loads, scurrying about the city in motor cars heaped high with mail, attracted wide attention. If there was not a millionaire at every steering wheel it is safe to say there was no driver who counted his wealth in less than six figures.

The emancipation of the carriers from Christmas burdens for the day at least was the result of a plea made by the Rev. Robert Freeman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and chairman of the Municipal Temperance Commission, to his wealthy parishioners yesterday.

WANTS HIS PRESENTS BACK.

Jilted Swain Swears Out Warrant for Girl and Her Parents.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 26.—Charging that Miss Anna O'Sada, of West Hazleton, has jilted him and has refused to return the valuable presents, as well as the wedding trosseau that he provided for her, George Michaelwich, of this city, today had warrants issued for the arrest of the girl and her parents.

He charges them with obtaining goods under false pretenses, and Alderman Brown will give them a hearing tomorrow. Michaelwich declares he was to have married the girl within a few days, but last week she jilted him, and today, when he found she wouldn't change her mind, he resolved to have her arrested.

GEN. C. L. HODGES DEAD.

Entered Federal Army at Outbreak of Civil War.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Major General Charles L. Hodges, U. S. A., retired, died at his home here early today after an illness of several months.

Gen. Hodges was born in Rhode Island, on March 13, 1847, and entered the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Civil War when he was only 14 years old. In 1869 he entered the permanent establishment and served continually up to March 13th last, when he was retired.

He is survived by a widow and one son, Carroll R. Hodges, first lieutenant 29th infantry, now stationed at Fort Jay, Governor's Island, N. Y.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, Winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-stores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, bruises, eczema and sprains. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

PRISONERS LIBERATED

The President Commutes the Sentences of Four.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Taft has dispensed Christmas cheer to four Federal prisoners through commutation of sentence. The pathetic appeal of the prisoner's eighty-year-old mother for the son she had not seen for twenty-five years caused the President to commute to expire at once the sentence of William J. Key, who pleaded guilty in 1906 at St. Joseph, Mo., to counterfeiting. His eight-year term would have expired April 21st next.

The President also commuted to expire at once the life sentences of Howell Cobb, an Indian, who pleaded guilty to murder at Sapulka, Indian Territory, in 1898, and Charles Hopkins, a negro, convicted of murder in the District of Columbia in 1894.

The sentence of Fayette F. Armstrong, convicted at Fort Smith, Ark., of violating the retail liquor license law, scheduled to expire May 20th, was shortened by a month and a half.

VOTE-SELLERS MAY ESCAPE

Legal Technicality May Prevent Convictions in Lee County, Va.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 26.—That through a legal technicality the persons in Lee county, Va., who have been indicted for having sold their votes may escape conviction and consequent fine and disfranchisement is the latest phase of the sensational investigation into the wholesale debauchery of the electorate in that county.

It is stated by one of the prominent lawyers in Lee county that it is his opinion, as well as the opinion of the best lawyers of the Jonesville bar, that the vote-buyers who have confessed before the grand jury under Judge Skeen's promise of immunity may be compelled to refuse to testify at the trial of the vote-sellers on the ground that it would incriminate them beyond the power of the court to grant the immunity. If this proves true, no convictions can be made, as there is only one witness against each vote-seller.

TAFT'S PICTURE ORDERED OUT

Hung in Ciudad Juarez Custom House Where Met Diaz

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 25.—The picture of President Taft has been removed from the reception room in the Ciudad Juarez Custom House, in which he and President Porfirio Diaz met two years ago. The structure served as Madero's provisional capitol during the last days of his revolution against Diaz. In place of the portrait has been hung the coat-of-arms of Mexico.

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Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a m	6:28 p m
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a m	6:55 p m
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p m	7:30 a m
Ar. St. Louis	6:33 p m	8:30 a m

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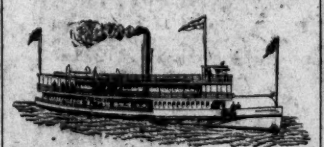

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No. 90, ! 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *11:49 P. M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ! 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (!) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ! 8:30 A. M.

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Wednesday, December 27, 1911

Santa Claus has gone, but during his brief visit he ran the steam roller over everybody's pocketbook.

Santa Claus would not be so strange and come from so far away if everybody would give him a home in their hearts more than once a year.

A contemporary doubts whether hair was ever known to grow on a bald head. Why should it be doubted? Behold the bald head of a baby.

"How shall we begin the New Year?" inquires a contemporary. Well, one good way to begin it is with a strong resolution to do right and another strong resolution to deposit in a savings bank.

Col. Roosevelt seems to have gotten into a pretty mess when he was elected President. He and his friends have not gotten done making explanations yet, though the explanations do make it hard on some of their dead allies.

Marshall W. Stedman, the Massachusetts rake manufacturer, made a hay rake specially for President Taft's Christmas present. The President will need it the coming year to rake far and near for enough votes to re-elect him for another term.

A Massachusetts man with plenty of money wrote to Santa Claus for a good wife. No doubt quite a number of Santa's lady friends have already searched Bradstreet's and Dun's to ascertain the eligibility of the man. Cupid used to get the ladies all mixed up but they have learned to put more reliance in what Bradstreet or Dun reports.

Even as good a man as Champ Clark is, some people are trying to hand him a lemon because he happens to have one or two opinions that are different from theirs. On about a hundred vital and fundamental questions he lines up with them, but he has to make it unanimous on every old question that comes up or else be ruled off the track. However, if they were to hear him speak a few times they would call it all off.

"Dead men tell no tales", but others tell on them tales that they are not in a position to dispute. The New York World is disposed to believe that Edward H. Harriman, Cornelius N. Bliss and Sidney Webster, now dead, had no object in telling tales about the corruption fund that elected Roosevelt, and it might be said in justification of the world's credulous attitude that while Harriman, Bliss and Webster cannot come back to speak for themselves, a whole lot of circumstances speak for them. Some circumstances are so impressive and substantiating they are hard to forget.

Jonah Kuhio Kalanialaole, delegate to Congress from Hawaii, has brought a new dance to Washington. It is the native dance of the Sandwich Islands and is called the "Mumbo Jumbo" or "Americanized hula hula." Society is open for new propositions. It is progressive. Everything is progressive now and reactionaries, mossbocks and dead ducks are not in it. Judging from its description, the "Mumbo Jumbo" is a kind of muscle twisting, body wiggling stunt. It has to be danced to weird, native Sandwich music, which probably was composed hundreds of years ago by a cannibal who had the jim jams. However, we fancy it's the very thing society is looking for, since things that used to be real recherche have been relegated to the mollycoddles. This "Mumbo Jumbo" dance surely comes highly recommended, for it puts the kibosh on such late dances as the turkey trot, the grizzly bear, the Dallas dip, the Frisco hop, and the Texas Tommie.

THE CRIME OF IT

The wrong of the corruption fund of the Republican party still haunts the G. O. P., and everybody connected with it. This shows that it was of scandalous and infamous nature. When any man tries to clear his own skirts of a deed it is proof enough that it is a dark and evil deed. Men love to claim credit for noble deeds and great achievements, but they never want to confess they are parties to a back alley transaction.

Remembrance of the slush fund of $260,000 raised by Harriman for the Roosevelt-Higgins campaign in New York is painful. It is painful to Americans of the right type. It is especially painful to Col. Roosevelt. It ought to be. He has felt that after seven years he is still held responsible for it. He wishes to free himself of the odium. He comes out at this late day, seven years after the crime, to set himself right if he can possibly do so. That is what is meant by the recent double play—Sheldon to Roosevelt, Roosevelt to Sheldon.

It is creditable for any man to try to get out of a scrape himself, but bad enough to put it on a live friend. It is worse to saddle the blame on dead friends—two of them, Cornelius N. Bliss and Edward H. Harriman. They are in the grave. It cannot hurt them, in a sense, but it isn't putting any flowers on their graves. It looks like shifting the blame on dead men, and if the blame lies in the grave with them, it looks bad for living men when they go back on their dead friends. They contributed money and work to elect their living friends Roosevelt and Higgins, and now their reward is to have their memories besmirched. Even though the decreased men may be the guilty ones, it is a delicate matter, when the incident had been closed, to revive it.

Suppose Roosevelt did not ask Harriman to raise the money? Suppose it was Bliss who asked the railroad magnate to get up the fund? Suppose nobody asked Harriman to get up that slush fund, what difference does it make from a general moral standpoint? The truth boiled to its essence is that the huge corruption fund was raised in 1904 and it was subscribed to carry New York for Roosevelt and Higgins. To do that voters had to be corrupted, and the beneficiaries of that corruption should now be careful how they disturb the ashes of their dead friends to lay on them the canker of blame. It is a good idea not to forget these things, and they should not be allowed to be forgotten. The leading papers of the Republic are disposed not to let it be forgotten. A few days ago, we quoted a strong article from the New York World, referring to the old sore off which the scar has been raked afresh. Now comes the New York Press, which says in part:

"To this paper the Harriman political fund of more than seven years back is a painful subject. We have no doubt that to the American people it is disgustingly unpleasant. But * * * when this ugly thing flaunts itself in the face of the public, newspapers and everybody must speak the truth about it. It cannot be allowed to walk abroad, in any disguise, unchallenged by those who abhor the use of immense moneys in elections—the use of immense moneys poured forth by interests seeking to drive private bargains with government; and those who abhor it are the vast majority of the people of the United States."

It is good that the scandal has been revived in the face of another Presidential campaign. It may be a Providential rattling of dry bones to promote virtue in the Nation—to warn the Republic of the infamy that lies in men's purchasing elections—to arouse the indignation of free men over the use of money to take power out of their hands. It ought to be howled and republished in every paper in the land. It matters not whether Harriman, Bliss, Roosevelt or fat fryers galore, were at the bottom of it. It would be the same were Democrats or Republicans to do it. Political debauchery is a crime against the Republic itself. Just as the New York Herald says:

"Many thanks to Mr. George R. Sheldon for writing that letter about the part played by Mr. Harriman and others in raising $260,000 in the last few days of the campaign of 1904 for the purpose of carrying the State of New York. Such concrete examples as this are too rare and at the same time too easily forgotten. Mr. Sheldon performed a public service because he recalled the incident without changing the public understanding of the essential facts."

After "home rule" is granted to Ireland she might decide she wants it like Kansas, which was never satisfied till she got the initiative, the referendum and the recall. Some Western States are not satisfied with so-called self-government, but they want the whole thing in triplicate. Some people in this country who favor home rule for Ireland and claim that they are thoroughly committed to the principle of self-government can't swallow the initiative, the referendum and the recall, which is completer self-government and then some. Of course, complete self-government like that depends on how the people use their increased power. Intelligence, wisdom, patriotism and incorruptibility would make the initiative, the referendum and the recall ideal, but anyhow, Kansas is willing to take chances on experimenting with it.

CURRENT COMMENT.

In his speech to the visiting governors from the West, Mayor Gaynor, of New York city, said: "I am not entirely able to see why a judge should not be recalled the same as anybody else, if he does not do right."—Memphis News-Scimitar. But isn't it much more probable that a judge would be recalled because he did do right?—Jacksonville Times-Union.

A summary of the work of the boys' corn club members in Georgia during the current year shows that not less than 45 of the boys raised 100 bushels of corn or better to the acre. A feature of the summary is that while the largest yields were highly profitable, they were not the most profitable. Manse Allison, of Walker county, for instance, did not make a record-breaking, crop, but he made his acre of corn pay him a profit of $155, and Paul Bentley, of Gordon county, took $130 profit. Eleven of the boys made more than $100 to the acre, and few of the 45 dropped below $60. That sort of farming—farming for profit—is what is needed in Georgia, and the corn clubs are encouraging the boys along that line.—Savannah News.

There seems to be every reason to believe that Congress will make an appropriation for a free inland waterway from the Chesapeake to Beaufort Inlet, North Carolina. The project has been endorsed by so many engineering and trades bodies that there seems nothing left to be said in favor of it. It is estimated that a 12-foot channel between the points named could be constructed for a little more than $5,000,000, including the purchase of the Chesapeake & Albemarle canal. This link; as is quite well known, is a part of the proposed chain of inland waterways extending from Boston to Florida, which would be invaluable from a military point of view as well as contributing to the commercial progress of a fertile section of the country.—Savannah News.

The vast body of farmers are intelligent enough to know what to do with their cotton. We have never had patience with the theory that the overproduction of this season is by any means due to the fact that the farmer lacked enlightenment. He was merely human enough to take a chance and the result broke against him. He is intelligent enough now to use his own judgment in the sale of the crop. By means of the telephone, he has come into close touch with the cotton market. By means of the daily newspaper, he has learned of the movements in the trade. By means of scientific papers to which he subscribes, he has come to know more about the way to farm. For these reasons, the farmer must now solve his own problem of marketing. He must, likewise, solve his own problem of curtailment. Of course, there must be some kind of concerted action, but there is no occasion for flaming orators to flood the country with advice as to what to do with the present crop or what to plan for the next. If the farmer thinks it is wise to hold off the market, he has enough intelligence to know the chance he takes. It may be good or it may be bad.—Charlotte Observer.

The Speaker of the National House, Mr. Clark, makes the prediction that the stream of migration Southward in this country will soon become as great as that which has poured into the West during the past half century. He clearly anticipates for the Southern States a density of population equal to that of the most favored East-and-West belt in the North. If climatic extremes explain the comparatively thin population of the equatorial latitudes, they do not explain the like thinness of population in the whole Southern Hemisphere. While the north temperate zone has a population averaging probably 40 per square mile throughout and 100 through a broad central belt, the south temperate zone has a population averaging much less than 10 per square mile. Half of South America still has a population no larger than at its discovery by Europeans. Africa, which holds the remains of the oldest known civilization, is to a very great extent as thinly or more thinly populated than many centuries ago. Australasia, with all its recent occupation by Caucasians, has a population less than two per square mile. European migration to the more favored regions of South America is increasing markedly, but the stream is still small compared with the westward flow from Europe. The weight of opinion in anthropology still holds the old belief that the race has a common origin and that its cradle was somewhere in Southern Asia. No one locates it below the equator and some locate it in the far north where the earth first became habitable in the cooling process. The facts given strengthen the theory of a northern point as man's original habitation. He has been disposed first to fill up that half of the earth where the race first found itself. But the time cannot now be far distant when the great westward trend of human migration will give way to one southward more pronounced than any history has yet known, and the region which will gain first and most from it is our own Southland, which, after all, is not very far south.—New York World.

MANY ARE DROWNED.

British and Spanish Ships Lost in Bay of Biscay on Thursday.

Glasgow, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Guillemot, from London for Genoa, foundered in the Bay of Biscay on December 21. The captain and 15 of the crew were lost. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincairn and landed here today.

Immediately after rescuing the survivors of the Guillemot the Lincairn sighted a Spanish steamer in distress. Before the Lincairn was able to proceed to her assistance the Spanish steamer foundered with all hands.

ROBBERS WERE CLEVER.

Used Gloves to Prevent Leaving Finger Prints.

New York, Dec. 26.—Evidently wishing to avoid detection through finger prints safe blowers used gloves yesterday in blowing open a safe with nitro-glycerine in the rear of a five and ten cent store in West 125th street. The safe blowers also made a connection with a live wire in order to get electric power for operating a drill. The police were told that nearly $4,000 in cash was taken from the safe.

AN INTERESTING VOLUME

"The South's Physical Recovery" Presented to President Taft

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, when presenting to President Taft yesterday a copy of the volume issued by the Congress entitled "The South's Physical Recovery," used these remarkable words: "We regard this volume as being more than a mere grouping of printed pages. It is an event; for it voices an insistent call upon both North and South to rally in terms of commerce and peace, as contrasted with the conditions which compelled both North and South to rally, fifty years ago, in terms of strife and blood shed. The idea of the volume is to set forth this important National contrast. If our Nation is to learn that which is valuable in these semi-centennial years from 1911 to 1915, it must learn the contrast rather than revive the memories and the stories of the strife that was."

The volume was bound in full morocco, and bore President Taft's name in gold lettering. It contained all the speeches delivered before the Congress in Atlanta last March, including those by President Taft, former President Roosevelt, Governor Woodrow Wilson, Mr. George Westinghouse, Mr. George W. Perkins and 90 others.

At the time of the gift the same committee invited President Taft to the Nashville convention of the Congress, April of next year. The invitation was accepted tentatively. The committee consisted of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, G. Grovenor Dawe, managing director; Clarence J. Owens, secretary-treasurer; William H. Saunders, resident director, and Senators Taylor and Lea and Representative Byrns, of Tennessee. The invitation was presented by G. Grosvenor Dawe and seconded by all others present. Mr. Dawe said in part: "Atlanta was chosen for the 1911 meeting because a city that was practically removed from the map during the war Between the States was one that lent itself most readily to the dramatic contrast between the conditions of 1861 and 1911. The same thought as to the fitness of location has entered into the deliberations of the Congress in selecting for the second scene in the series of five a city in the Mississippi Valley; for the Mississippi Valley will be the most potent future influence in agriculture and in general development. Its area almost, if not quite, equals two-fifths of the total area of the United States. Furthermore, as the meetings of the Congress are not mere fortuitous groupings of men, but represent the most intense ethical purpose looking towards the disappearance of all sectional misunderstandings and foreseeing a greater nation to come into existence through a greater South, we desire to state that these great meetings should, during this entire series of five years, be graced by the presence of the President of the United States. Our effort has no political significance; we are seeking only to transform the minds of men in the South regarding the truths of their great section and to inform the minds of the men of the nation regarding the national significance of the South. once so willing to depart from the sisterhood, but now so convinced that in the truest union there is the truest strength. You will recall the moment of intense feeling when the flags of Southern States were paraded before you in Atlanta and grouped around the platform, under the folds of the Nation's flag, as indicative of the present national status."

LUMBERTON NEWS NOTES

Christmas Offenders Before Mayor—Child Shot to Death

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 26.—In the Mayor's court today several Christmas offenders were on the mourner's bench, some for drunkenness and some for other misdeeds. Two colored men were put in jail on the charge of carrying concealed weapons. The other defendants were let off with light fines and costs.

A gentleman who spent Christmas at Rowland returned last night and reported two shooting scrapes in and near that place, one of which was horrible in the extreme. A drunken negro went to the home of a colored woman and, making himself very obnoxious, was ordered to leave the house. The woman held in her arms her baby, and the man becoming incensed at the woman, shot at her with a shot gun, but missed her, the whole load taking effect in the child's head, and entirely severing it from the body, the child's brains being scattered over the mother's breast. The man made his escape.

While the chief of police of Rowland was on his way to search a house, the proprietor of which was suspected of being implicated in two robberies which occurred Saturday night, he met the man who began abusing the officer and those with him. The officer got out of his buggy and started toward the negro when he ran, trying to get a pistol which he carried in his front pocket. Some one told the officer the negro was going to shoot him, but the officer was too quick for him and sent a ball through his body. He was later carried to a hospital in Fayetteville.

The negro who was shot here Saturday night when the police raided a gambling den, is reported as doing well.

There is no improvement in the weather conditions here, and if the streets were ever in a worse condition than at present no one here can remember the time.

POSSE HUNT FOR FUGITIVE

Whites Aroused by Threats Accredited to Negro at Large

Nashville, Dec. 26.—Armed white men this morning are scouring the countryside about Hendersonville, 16 miles from here, for a young negro laborer on the Gallatin-Nashville interurban line, alleged to have criminally assaulted a girl of his own race.

The negro was arrested and carried to Hendersonville in chains but last night while being guarded by white men escaped while the guards dozed. From reports the white population is aroused over threats accredited to the negro.

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SWAIN COUNTY TRAGEDY.

Man and Son Killed by Farmer's Son-in-Law.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 26.—A belated courier from the interior of Swain county today brought the information that George Brendle and his son, Man Brendle, were killed yesterday by Jesse Upton, the son-in-law of the older man and a wealthy farmer of that county. The latter made his escape. The alleged killing, it is said, grew out of a family feud, bad blood having existed between the two families for a number of years.

Value of Wisdom.

It was remarked by Seneca that a wise man is provided for occurrences of every kind; the good he controls, the bad he vanquishes; in prosperity he betrays no presumption, and in adversity he feels no despondency. The wisdom he posesses enables him to bear up with heroism under all reverses.

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COUNCIL ENLARGES DUTIES

Ordinance Adopted Abolishing Office of Plumbing Inspector and New Office Created—Applicants for Position

The City Council in regular session yesterday afternoon by a vote of three to two adopted an ordinance, effective ten days from date of passage, abolishing the office of plumbing inspection and creating the office of inspector of plumbing, sewers and house drains and defining the duties of such an officer, the measure being drawn and introduced at the earnest solicitation of the health department. The matter of electing an inspector under the ordinance and the fixing of his salary was deferred until the ordinance becomes effective.

It is understood that the health department will recommend and strongly urge the election of Mr. John Mathers, at present health officer, to fill the new position, and it is also reported that Mr. R. H. Grant, who has been plumbing inspector for several years under the fee system, is out for the poition of salaried inspector and will present his application at the proper time. Petitions urging his election to the office have already been circulated and have been signed by nearly 200 leading citizens. In the petitions the question is raised that no person should be elected to the position who is not a citizen of the United States. Mr. Mathers, who is faforved by the health department, came to this country only a little over a year ago from Scotland and is, therefore, not a citizen of the United States.

Mr. Grant was present at the meeting yesterday afternoon as was also several plumbers. Besides, Woodus Kellum, Esq., appeared in the capacity of an attorney, and while he did did not say who he represents from his remarks it was judged that he appears for those who would like to see Mr. Grant continue in the office. He asked that Council defer action for a few days in order to give him time to look over the ordinance as he had just been employed in the matter, but members of the Council desired to take action yesterday. Then Mr. Kellum gave reasons for opposing the ordinance. He stated that he desired to have something further to say when the matter of the election of an inspector under the new ordinance comes up.

Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, set forth his reasons for desiring the adoption of the ordinance at the earliest possible moment. One of the main reasons is on account of the alleged unsanitary conditions of the Wilmington Sewerage Company, which, he said, should be thoroughly investigated as well as all drains and private sewers. He said that the report he made recently to the Council as to the condition of the sewerage plant emphasizes the importance of having a capable man to continue the investigations along this line. Dr. Nesbitt said that most cities have a plumbing inspector and an inspector of sewers and drains, but as a matter of economy it was thought best to consolidate the two offices in this city. A civil engineer will be competent to inspect the plumbing as well as sewers and drains, but as a general proposition a plumber would not be the proper person for the inspection of sewers and darins. It takes a man with a knowledge of engineering and sanitation, he said, and will require all of his time. In conclusion, Dr. Nesbitt said that he would ask for the adoption of the ordinance as a measure of relief for the citizens of Wilmington

Councilman Tiencken thought the ordinance "too previous from a financial standpoint and otherwise." Councilman P. Q. Moore said that nothing is too previous when the city is facing a condition that now prevails, and again referred to filth which was found in a manhole at Eighth and McRae streets some days ago, a condition which is said to have existed at several other points also.

The matter was discussed pro and con for more than an hour, when a vote was taken, resulting as above stated, Councilmen P. Q. Moore, B. C. Moore and Perdew voting in favor of the ordinance and Mayor Smith and Councilman Tiencken against it. The ordinance was adopted and is as follows:

"Section 1. That the office of inspector of plumbing is hereby abolished and the office of inspector of sewers and drains is hereby created, and wherever the words "inspector of plumbing" are found in the plumbing ordinance of the city of Wilmington, the same is hereby stricken out and the words "inspector of sewers and drains" are hereby inserted.

"Section 2. That section 42 of the regulations of the government and construction of plumbing work in the city of Wilmington, N. C., under the plumbing ordinance be amended by adding the following:

"To make inspection of the drainage of all houses and premises, and of all sanitary sewers whenever required to do so by the superintendent of health.

"To make surveys, maps and profiles of all such house and premises, drainage and sanitary sewers of the city of Wilmington that are now installed or that may hereafter be installed, when required to do so by the superintendent of health.

"To have the supervision and direction of the maintenance, construction and sanitation of all drainage installation within and without the buildings upon private premises in the city of Wilmington.

"To report all defective privately maintained drains and all imperfect sanitary sewers and parts thereof to the superintendent of health when such drains and sewers shall be found to be in an unsanitary and defective condition.

"To supervise and direct all repairs and cleansing of all private drains and all sanitary sewers in the City of Wilmington, and to inspect in person the laying of all sewers, house connections and to require that they be laid in accordance with the health laws and regulations governing such installations."

Heretofore the plumbing inspector has been working on a fee basis. Now it is proposed to increase his duties and pay him a salary of probably $100 a month and require of him all his time.

Chief of Police Fowler recommended that restaurant license be not granted to David R. Hines at No. 323 South Seventh street on account of the location. The license was, therefore, refused. He also recommended that license be not granted Mr. James Elder, northwest corner 11th and Princess street, on account of the location, saying that complaint had been received of disturbance in that vicinity. However, there was no objection to the applicant and upon motion of Councilman Tiencken the license was granted by a unanimous vote.

Announcement was made of the fact that suit has been started in Superior Court, by Mr. W. H. Alderman against the City of Wilmington and Mr. Pembroke Jones. As stated in another column of today's paper the action is for the recovery of land at Wrightsville Sound which has been leased by the city to Mr. Jones. Upon motion City Attorney Herbert McClammy was instructed to defend the suit for the city.

The report of the quarterly audit of the treasury department as made by Messrs. W. C. Curtis and M. F. Allen, was read by the clerk and ordered placed on file. Councilman Tiencken, in charge of the Department of Accounts and Finance, reported that he had received a bill from the county for $142.50 as part of the cost of a fence which has been erected on the line between the county jail and the city stables, but that the bill had not been endorsed by any city official. The statement was made that the matter came under the supervision of the Mayor and Mayor Smith said that he had not been consulted about the erection of the fence. He said that the county should have at least notified the city that the fence was to be built. The matter was left in the hands of Mayor Smith for recommendation.

Councilman B. C. Moore said that he had conferred with members of the civil service commission with reference to a question which the commission propounded to the Council a few weeks ago and said that he is to have a formal meeting with the body within a few days.

Mayor Smith presided at the meeting and in attendance were all members of the Council, Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer; Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of Health; City Attorney Herbert McClammy, Mr. R. H. Grant, city plumbing inspector; Woodus Kellum, Esq., Mr. D. L. T. Capps and others.

BIG IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Tidewater Power Company Will Double Capacity of Power Plant, Lay Double Track and Build Concrete Bridges

In keeping with its continual progress, which has made it one of the city's chief assets, a number of extensive improvements for the Tidewater Power Company, which will include a concrete bridge across Bank's channel, a double track to Winter Park and doubling the capacity of the present power plant, at an estimated cost of $125,000, were announced by General Manager A. B. Skelding yesterday and will be underway by the 1st of February.

It is the purpose of the company to have this work completed by the 1st of next June and plans have been completed to carry it on as swiftly as possible. The most significant among the proposed improvements is probably the doubling of the capacity of the power plant and in reference to this General Manager Skelding had the following to say to a Star man yesterday: "This feature of the work was made necessary partly by the natural growth of the light and power business; on account of the railway lines and partly by reason of the company's determination to go after power contracts in large quantities thus giving Wilmington the same advantages in the way of cheap power, which is intended to make Charlotte the industrial center that it is."

The Tidewater Power Company has placed an order for a 2,000 kilo-wat turbine of the Westinghouse Parson type and this will be shipped and ready to be placed within a short time.

The large concrete bridge which will span Bank's channel will be constructed under the direction of Messrs. Furgeson and Ward, of Key West, Fla., and the design for the same was made by Mr. Torrence, of New York. The contractors named have built several bridges of the large type planned for Bank's channel and a number of large docks in the vicinity of Key West. This work will also be underway in time to be completed by the 1st of June. The bridge will withstand the most severe storms without danger of threatening collapse, and will be six feet higher above the water than the present trestle. This will be a marked improvement and will make sure the safety of coming across to the mainland from the beach in stress of weather.

In reference to the doubletracking to Winter Park Gardens, General Manager Skelding stated that this would be done to afford better facilities to residents of Winter Park and new developments down that way. This will cost considerable and will be a wonderful improvement to this section.

Another noteworthy and interesting improvement, which will be a large undertaking, will be the filling in of 3,500 feet under the long trestle extending across the sound. This will be commenced by the Tidewater people within the next twelve months. For this work a large dredge will be built by the company and as soon as it is completed will be placed in operation. It will be the only electric driven dredge in the country. In this connection a reclamation scheme is also planned, in which it is proposed to reclaim land on the sound side of the Beach by filling in with the operation of the large dredge.

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PLANS FOR AVIATION MEET

Sharpshooting From Aeroplane Next Monday by Fort Caswell Officer Is Probable—Other Features of the Day.

After a visit of a few days to other towns in the State, Mr. R. A. Fanciulli, manager for Mr. Walter Brookins, the famous aviator who is to make flights at the aviation meet here New Year's Day, returned to the city yesterday and is assisting Mr. Frank Herbst, the local manager, in getting everything in readiness for the event, which promises to attract a great many people from the surrounding section as well as thousands of Wilmingtonians.

In order o give the people of Wilmington an opportunity to see what the United States army could do with an aeroplane in time of war, Mr. Walter Brookins will probably take up one of the officers of the Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Caswell. In conversation with Col. Bennett, the commander, last night, Mr. Fanciulli made the request that one of the officers be detailed to shoot at a target which will be placed in the field at Highwood Park during the aviation meet on New Year's Day.

The shooting from an aeroplane is a feature of aviation in which the United States War Department is very much interested. Every army officer who is privileged to do this sharp-shooting from "on high" has to make a report to the department. It is a well known fact among army officers who are not trained in aviation work, that it is harder to hit a target from a moving aeroplane than from a swiftly moving horse.

Col. Bennett last night told Mr. Fanciulli that he would be deeply interested in seeing this military feature of the aeroplane thoroughly tested in Wilmington. He is going to take the matter up with the officers at the fort and will in a day or two announce which officer will be honored by being the first to shoot from an aeroplane in this city.

Lieut. Fickle, of the 29th Infantry, stationed at Governor's Island, N. Y., was the first army officer to practice shooting from the air. The army aviators have also practiced with a rifle at College Park, Md., which is the signal corps' official aerodrome. It is the hope of Gen. Allen, chief of the United States Signal Corps, to have more aerial sharp shooters in the United States army than in any other army in the world.

The army officer from Fort Caswell will, however, not be the only passenger Mr. Brookins will carry in his flights at Highwood Park. Several prominent people of Wilmington have requested the privilege of going up with Mr. Brookins. They do not want their names mentioned at present, but will be announced later. It is very likely that Mr. Brookins shall take nearly half a dozen persons for flights at various times during his stay here.

Upon the request of Mr. Brookins the local weather conditions were looked up yesterday by Mr. Fanciulli and were found to be most satisfactory. Mr. Fanciulli visited the office of Mr. Geo. W. Felger, chief weather forecaster of this district, yesterday morning and learned from him that the weather record in this vicinity shows a remarkably low average of wind velocity. Mr. Felger, after looking up the record, announced that the winds seldom exceed an average of eight miles an hour. He further made the surprising statement that five degrees above zero was the lowest temperature on record as having ever prevailed in Wilmington and that it seldom happens that the temperature reaches below 20 degrees above zero. This information was telegraphed to Mr. Brookins, who replied, "Wilmington is a good place for all-year-round flying and should become a good aviation center in the future."

A request has been made of Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the United States Weather Bureau, to allow some of the instruments in the local weather bureau to be used at the aviation meet at Highwood Park, particularly an anemometer, an instrument which records the velocity of the winds; also a barograph, which is used by all aviators when making an official record for altitude flying.

Mr. Brookins' machine, which was built by the Burgess Company and Curtis, of Marblehead, Mass., is now on its way to Wilmington in a special car. The machine is commonly called the Burgess-Wright biplane. It is an exact duplicate of the Wright machine, built by the famous Wright brothers, of Dayton, Ohio. The Burgess Company has been licensed to build machines under the Wright patent. A complete set of extra parts has also been shipped with the machine so that in case if by any accident the machine should break it can be mended without delay.

Motor cycle races will be a special feature of the aviation meet, under the management of Mr. E. R. Pickard, manager of the Queen City Cycle Company, and anyone desiring to enter should see him at once.

Mr. Herbst said last night that the meet will be thoroughly advertised and that hundreds of persons from a distance are expected to be in attendance. He has had printed 15,000 pamphlets containing attractive advertising matter and these are being distributed by the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line throughout this section of the State and upper South Carolina.

A request has been made of the Wilmington, Brunswick & Southern Railroad for an excursion from Southport to Wilmington next Monday on account of the meet and Mr. Herbst expects to receive an answer this morning.

Holiday excursion rates will apply on both the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line next Monday and for this reason the roads were not asked to grant a special rate for the meet. The holiday rate is practically the same as is usually given for a special event like the aviation meet.

Mr. Herbst expects to be in position to make an interesting announcement within the next few days with reference to the automobile races to be held between flights of the aviator.

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HOLIDAY OFFENDERS TRIED

About Seventy Defendants Faced the Recorder Yesterday Morning—White Man to Roads and Women to Farm.

A record was established in the Recorder's court yesterday morning for the number of cases tried at one sitting and came near making a record as to the time required to clear the docket as the session lasted for four hours and a half, adjournment being taken at 2 o'clock. There were about 70 defendants to face the Recorder on various charges, the most common being drunkenness and drunkenness and disorderly conduct. These were let off with the usual fine of $5 and costs.

James McCartney, a white man, drew the longest term of any who faced the Recorder yesterday. He was charged with larceny in two different cases and got six months on the roads in each. It was alleged that he broke into a tool box Saturday night and stole tools belonging to different persons.

Josephine Wilson, a 13-year-old negro girl, who is charged with entering a dwelling house other than by burglarious breaking, waived examination and was sent over to Superior Court, bond being fixed at $100, in default of which she went to jail. It is alleged that she entered the home of Mrs. D. J. Berger.

The following negroes were each fined $5 and costs for gambling: Henry Bowen, Ed Davis, Matthew Pearsall, Richard Haywood, Abram Watson, John Herring, Walter Peterson, Luke Davis and Ed Galloway. A case against Henry Moseley, colored, charged with gambling was not prossed. Richard Plummer, colored, was fined $10 and costs for gambling and in a case against him for keeping a gambling house judgment was suspended.

The following are the other cases disposed of, including name of defendant, character of offense and disposition:

John Watson, white, assault with deadly weapon, to-wit: a knife, on F. P. Howland, who he is alleged to have cut slightly on the hand, $10 and costs. W. W. Wood, white, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs. John Day, white, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Nora Nixon, colored, assault on Minnie Payne, colored, with deadly weapon, to-wit: a knife, $10 and costs. J. L. Roderick, assault on Green Jones, $5 and costs; Green Jones was found not guilty of assault on Roderick. Ernest Gilliam, colored, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Ed Galloway, colored, carrying a concealed weapon, not guilty. Isaac McColl, colored, carrying concealed weapons, $25 and costs. William Wallace, colored, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs. Andrew Henderson, colored, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs. Viola Myers, colored, for disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Florence Mills, colored, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Roberta Foy, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Alex. Birmingham, colored, drunk and disorderly, $10 and costs. Minnie Walker, white, vagrancy, 30 days on the county farm. She returned from the farm only a few days ago, having been sent there by Justice Harriss. This makes the third time recently that she has been to the county farm. E. M. Shepard, white, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs. Easy Green, colored, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs. Arthur Sharpless, vagrancy, not guilty. R. G. Pate, white, disorderly conduct, not guilty. Calvin Hall, colored, drunk and disorderly, $10 and costs. Jesse Coster, colored, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Maggie Bentley, white, vagrancy, 30 days on county farm. Arthur McFarland, colored youth, firing gun in city limits, judgment suspended upon promise of parents to whip him. Sophie Austin, colored, larceny of $3 from Henry Robinson, colored, not guilty. Mary Kelly and Sarah Sloan, colored, affray, $5 each and costs. Fred Robinson, colored, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs. Annie Pollock, colored, vagrancy, nol pros with leave. Lou Oliver, colored, vagrancy, 30 days on farm. John Mask Jones, colored youth, riding bicycle without light, dismissed. P. H. Haskins and Jas. Davis, colored, affray, not guilty. Don McKoy and John Mask Jones, affray, costs. John Thorp, white, vagrancy, not guilty. Thos. Blackman, vagrancy, case left open. Dock Davis, colored, disorderly conduct, $5 and costs. Ella Hall and Bryant Corbett, colored, for living together illegally, not guilty.

THE TOURIST TRAINS

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Tourist trains which are operated every Winter by the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line between New York and Florida points will be inaugurated on January 1st, according to announcements made yesterday. This is a week earlier than usual, but the date is advanced because of the heavy travel which has already started southward.

While the official schedule for the Atlantic Coast Line's Florida Special has not been received, it will reach Richmond daily except Sunday, about 10:45, southbound, and will go through at a comfortable hour on its return trips to New York, daily except Monday. The Seaboard Air Line's Florida Limited will arrive at Richmond about 9 P. M., southbound, and between 8 and 9 o'clock A. M., northbound, daily except Monday. These trains will greatly facilitate the mail and passenger service in both directions. There may be slight changes in the schedules of other trains over these roads.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Geo. O. Gaylord to John Henry Nixon and wife, for $10 and other considerations, lot No. 5, at McComber's station, Wrightsville Sound; The American Suburban Corporation, to Geo. A. Bachmann, of Burnley, Lancashire, England, for $325, lot 24, block 21, Carolina Place, same being on southeast corner of 20th street and Woolcott avenue, 33x113 feet in size; Kate T. Emmart and G. T. Emmart to Thos. J. Gore, for $10 and other considerations, lot 3 in block 7, Mercer Place, West, and lots 1 and 2 in block 8, Mercer Place, West.

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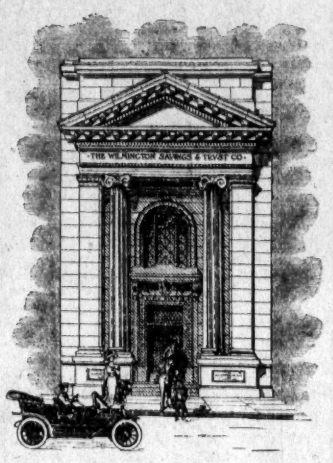

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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

PROF. WINGATE UNDERHILL

Pupil of Eighth Grade Pays Tribute to Former Instructor

(Communicated.)

A brief sketch of the life of Professor Underhill during his stay in Wilmington:

Professor Wingate Underhill came to Wilmington in 1906 to take charge of the Hemenway public school and for three successive years acted as its highly honored and beloved principal.

Under his wise and tactful management the school enrollment increased and the standard of scholarship was raised. Several important and necessary improvements were made in the school building, including new lavatories, fire escapes and two additional class rooms all of which added greatly to the safety and comfort of teachers and pupils.

Interest in physical culture was also promoted by the presentation of new physical apparatus by a public spirited citizen. A new flag pole was also erected under Mr. Underhill's personal supervision.

The teachers always found in Mr. Underhill a kind and helpful friend and he was ever held by them in the highest esteem and respect. In his dealings with the pupils he was firm but kind, and they all loved and admired him not only as their noble leader but for the nobility of character which he possessed.

Soon after coming to Wilmington he transferred his church membership to the First Baptist church where he proved an active member in all church work. His first class in Sunday school, known as the "Helping Hand" Class, was composed of girls and boys in whom he felt a very deep interest. His fondness and ability for religious instruction being recognized he was later given a class of young men call-"Agoga," which he continued to instruct until his last illness.

Owing to his congenial and social disposition Mr. Underhill made many warm friends during the three years spent in our city. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He was devotedly attached to his young wife and little boy both of whom seemed to make his domestic life complete.

A portion of the time he boarded and a part of the time he kept house. At the time of his last illness he was staying at the Carolina Apartments. His illness was so serious that it was thought best to remove him to the James Walker Memorial Hospital where an operation was performed. It was hoped by all his friends that the operation would be successful and that he would soon recover, but God knows best and called him home.

The sad news of the loss of this good and useful citizen came as a shock to all and cast a gloom over the entire city. Loving friends conveyed the remains to their last resting place in Louisburg, N. C.

His devoted mother preceded him to her reward nearly three years before and his aged father still survives and lives at the old family home near Selma.

Although Mr. Underhill has passed from time to eternity his influence for good will always be felt by those who knew him and especially by the pupils he often talked with an admonished. His noble and upright life is a greater monument to his memory than any that could be erected by man.

His former pupil,
WILLIAM L. McINTIRE,
819 Market Street,
Wilmington, N. C.

The above essay is one which received a prize recently offered by Mrs. Underhill to the member of the eighth grade and coming from the Hemenway, who should write the best paper on this subject. The papers were not written as part of the school work but as the pupil's own work without criticism or correction from the teacher.

NEW HANOVER'S JAIL.

Said in Raleigh Paper to be Overcrowded—Denied Here.

With reference to the habeas corpus proceedings before Chief Justice Clark in Raleigh last Saturday in the case of Steve John, the Gypsy leader, the following paragraph of interest here appeared in Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer:

"A peculiar feature of the hearing was the admission by the deputy sheriff of New Hanover that the prisoner had been confined in a small cage in the jail, about eight by nine feet, together with from ten to 30 or more prisoners. It seems that on account of the crowded condition of the jail it often happens that prisoners cannot lie down to sleep and that the cages are packed like sardines in a can. It was evidently this condition that largely moved the Chief Justice in admitting the prisoner to bail. It appears that often there is not room in the cages of the New Hanover jail for prisoners to sit down, that they are so packed and crowded that rest or physical comfort are alike impossible either day or night."

Jailer J. M. Branch says that there is absolutely no truth in the report; that the jail has not been overcrowded at any time and certainly not while the Gypsy was confined there, and instead of the cell being "eight by nine feet" it is about ten feet wide and extends practically two-thirds the distance of the corridor, possibly 30 or 40 feet. J. C. Holly and other prisoners at the jail are quoted as saying that there has been ample room at the jail at all times and they also took occasion to speak in high praise of the fine treatment given them by Jailer Branch. Sheriff Cowan is quoted as saying that the only thing refused Steve John was a request to be allowed to stroll about the corridors of the jail. The request was refused by the sheriff on the ground that he did not have authority to grant it.

CHRISTMAS TREE EVENT.

Santa Claus Gladdens Little Ones of Christian Sunday School.

"The Mythical One" put in his appearance last night at Dock Street Christian Sunday School and left presents for the little ones of the intermediate and primary departments, whose hearts were gladdened by the pleasing gifts that were distributed among them.

The event was one of the most interesting and best attended of the Christmas affairs and in addition to the appearance of Kris Kringle, the audience was delighted with the rendition of several songs by Misses Ruth and Annie Bowen, daughters of Rev. H. C. Bowen, pastor of the church. Mr. Bowen made an interesting Christmas talk, saying many pleasing things, appropriate to the occasion and enjoyed by the audience.

Quantity of Clothing Seized.

A quantity of men's clothing was found and seized at the store of J. D. Burnett, colored, on Nixon, between Fifth and Sixth streets, by police officers Saturday afternoon. The search of the premises was made under authority of a search warrant. The clothing was taken to police headquarters for possible identification. It is said that one of the coats bore the name of Mr. Jos. W. Yates. However, it is not known whether the garment was stolen from Mr. Yates, or was sold as second hand clothing. The officers also found about 800 half pints of whiskey in Burnett's place. No charge has yet been preferred against Burnett, but Detective Branch is understood to be at work on the case.

PORT PARAGRAPHS

Yesterday's Arrivals and Clearances at the Water Front---Cargoes

Three vessels arrived at the Wilmington port yesterday, each bringing a cargo.

The Dutch steamer Nederland arrived from Junin, South America, with a part cargo of nitrate of soda which will be discharged at the Atlantic Coast Line terminal. The British steamer Indian Monarch arrived from the same point and also bringing a cargo of nitrate of soda which will be discharged at the Seaboard Air Line terminal.

Schooner Wm. Thomas Moore, from New York, brought a cargo of cement to be discharged at the Seaboard terminal.

Clyde steamer Navahoe cleared for Georgetown.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun: "Captain Tjeresen, of the Norwegian steamer Loveland, which arrived yesterday from Wilmington, N. C., is accompanied by Mrs. Tjenesen and children."

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roberts, of Kenora, Ont., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roberts, No. 813 Ann street.

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Miss Bettie Piner is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother, Mr. V. Clyde Piner, of Columbia, S. C.

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Mr. W. A. McGirt returned yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where he spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Smoot.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Freeman have returned home after spending Christmas with Mr. Freeman's parents at Sylvania, Ga.

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Mr. Lawrence Everett, who spent the holidays with friends and relatives in Maxton, returned to the city yesterday morning.

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Mrs. N. E. Fitts and daughter, Miss Patti R. Fitts, are visiting Mrs. M. J. Daver, No. 19 North Seventh street, during the holidays.

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Mr. U. M. Robinson, of New York, is in the city to spend the holidays and is being pleasantly greeted by a host of Wilmington friends.

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Mr. William M. Shaw, Jr., of Davidson College, is spending the holidays in the city with his father, Rev. W. M. Shaw, No. 422 Ann street.

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Misses Annie and Evelyn Dunning, of Aulander, N. C., are spending the holidays with Misses Corney at their home, No. 515 North Fifth street.

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Mr. W. H. Sprunt, Jr., of Davidson College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, Third and Grace streets.

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Mr. R. McA. Nixon, of Lumberton, spent Sunday and the holidays with friends and relatives in Wilmington and at his old home on Topsail Sound.

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Mr. W. VanOrsdell, of the Rocky Mount Telegram, who spent Sunday and Monday in the city with friends and relatives, returned to his post of duty yesterday morning.

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Mr. E. M. Wilson, of Haverford, Pa., is here with Mrs. Wilson, and Master Hugh MacLean, on a visit to Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green, 406 South Third street.

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Owing to a typographical error in connection with the dance given Monday night by Sigma Nu fraternity, it was stated in yesterday's Star that Geo. F. Meares, Esq., was a member of D. K. E. fraternity, when it should have been P. K. A.

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Mr. William J. Martin, the well known Raleigh correspondent for a number of the leading North Carolina dailies and out-of-the-State papers, was here yesterday and was pleasantly greeted by a host of Wilmington friends. He returned to Raleigh last evening.

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Mr. Charles A. Rourk and his bride, formerly Miss Lenoir McDowell, of Orlando, Fla., who were married at the home of the bride recently, are at home, No. 303 North Second street, from their bridal tour. Mrs. Rourk is an attractive and charming young lady and will make many friends in Wilmington.

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Dr. John L. McCumber, Major of the Medical Corps of the New York State Guard, and a former Wilmingtonian, who has gained an enviable reputation in his profession, is a guest at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. D. C. Love, on South Front street, and he is most pleasantly recalled by many old friends who knew him while a resident of this city. He is prominent in military affairs in his adopted State. He is being warmly greeted by many friends.

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The many friends of Maj. E. W. Van-Court Lucas are delighted to see him in the city for a few days. Accompanied by his son, he arrived several days ago to join Mrs. Lucas and younger son, who have been spending the Winter here at The Carolina. Maj. Lucas is now associated with his brother, a celebrated architect of New York, and has a large engineering practice in the Metropolis. Early in the New Year he leaves, with his oldest son, for an important commission in Central America and will be away for several months.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Christmas Exercises at East Wilmington School Delights Many

Christmas exercises given last evening by pupils of the East Wilmington school, were enjoyed by about 150 people, and the entertainment was exceptionally good and afforded an evening of splendid amusement. The credit for the excellency of the event is due Misses Francis M. Henshaw and Margaret Mills, teachers, who arranged the programme. It marked the close of the Fall session as well as the Yuletide.

In addition to the regular programme short and appropriate talks were made by Mr. E. Norfleet, Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure and Mr. Oscar Pearsall.

The programme was as follows:

Hymn—"While Shepherds Watched."

The Birth of Christ.

Recitation by the second grade.

"Santa Claus"—Recitation, by Dorothy Mills.

Recitation by Sallie Reynolds.

"Queen's Watch"—By fourth grade.

"The Night After Christmas"—By Martin Westbrook.

"When a Boy Is Afraid"—By Jimmie Brown.

"The New Year and the Seasons"—By the sixth grade.

Recitation by Miss Bessie Mills.

Recitation by Miss Rachel Pearsall "Santa Claus."

Closing hymn, "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

Christmas Exercises Tonight

Christmas exercises will be held tonight by the Sunday school of the First Baptist church. An attractive programme of songs and recitations will be rendered just preceding the distribution of the gifts from the Christmas tree. The exercises, which will be held in the church, will begin at 8 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to attend.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. G. T. Cox, of Lumberton, was among yesterday's guests at The Orton.

—Mr. Julian R. Clement, chief clerk at The Orton, is spending a few days in New York.

—Mr. W. C. Underhill, of Raleigh, spent yesterday in the city, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. S. P. Hewett, of Rocky Mount, is spending the holidays in this city with relatives.

—Among the recent arrivals at The Orton were H. S. Freeman and Jos. L. Lee, of Laurinburg.

—Mr. R. H. Hubbard and wife, of Mullins, S. C., were among the guests at The Orton yesterday.

—Messrs. A. A. Wright and C. G. Wright, of Wallace, were here yesterday, guests at The Orton.

—Mr. Chas. W. Gold, the well known insurance man of Raleigh, was here yesterday, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. H. J. Gerken, of Raleigh, spent yesterday in the city and was warmly received by many Wilmington friends.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were Dr. E. G. Goodman, of Town Creek, and Miss Hazel Nicholson, of Richlands.

—Dr. J. G. Murphy has returned from New York, where he has been pursuing a course in his specialty in the post-graduate schools there.

—Mr. J. T. Jarman, formerly of this city but now traveling with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., is spending the holidayh in Wilmington with friends and relatives.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were J. M. Council, Wananish; J. P. Walker, Weldon; A. F. Jones and J. J. McKoy, Bolivia; E. M. Brown and R. G. Ivey, Wallace.

—Prof. M. H. Bowen, who is pleasantly remembered as having formerly been one of the county's public school teachers, now one of the proprietors of a leading business college in Columbia, S. C., returned to his home this morning after spending the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives in North Carolina.

LOCAL DOTS.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. James T. Calvin, of Wilmington, and Miss Dovianna Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bryan, of Masonboro township.

—The home of Mr. Fred Bissinger, No. 214 North Seventh street, was entered by a burglar several nights ago, it was learned yesterday, but nothing of any value is reported missing. The intruder, it is stated, had a chance to carry away several savings banks containing $20, in the room which he entered, but left them untouched.

IMPORTANT SUIT STARTED.

Mr. W. H. Alderman Will Endeavor to Recover Land From City.

Mr. W. H. Alderman has instituted suit in Superior Court against the city of Wilmington and Mr. Pembroke Jones for the recovery of the property at Summer Rest, Wrightsville Sound, known as the "encampment site." The action was started late Friday afternoon, but the complaint has not yet been filed. W. P. Mangum Turner and C. D. Weeks, Esqs., represent the plaintiff.

There are about 100 acres in the tract involved in the action and the property is considered very valuable, as it is on the water front. The property was deeded to the State about 20 years ago as a permanent encampment site for white troops and contained a provision that in case it ceased to be used by the State for encampment purposes that the land should revert to the City of Wilmington to be maintained by it for a public park and remain open for the use and enjoyment of the citizens generally. Mr. Alderman was one of the principal grantors. About five years ago, when a permanent encampment site was acquired at Morehead City, the State abandoned the property at Summer Rest. At that time the city of Wilmington had no power to own land outside of the corporate limits of Wilmington, but about one and a half years later the city was authorized by an act of the Legislature to own property outside of the city. It is understood that one of the contentions of the plaintiff will be that as the city had no power to own the land at the time the State abandoned it that it reverted immediately to the grantors. The plaintiff will probably further contend that even if the city did have a right to the property, that this right was forfeited when it failed to comply with the provisions of the deed by using the property as a public park. The complaint will also probably set ont that immediately after the special act of the Legislature that the alder men of the city leased the property for a long number of years to Mr. Pembroke Jones, who has enclosed it and does not allow it to be used by the public. The alleged closing of the Wrightsville turnpike at Mr. Jones' gate, which is situated near the entrance of the encampment grounds, has been a point of contention for some time, having been before the County Commissioners at various times.

The summons in the action has been served on Mr. Jones and on Mayor Joseph D. Smith.

BROKE INTO SEASHORE HOTEL.

Two Negroes Arrested and Placed in Jail Last Night for Trial.

Early last night Capt. Edgar L. Hinton, the proprietor, was notified in this city that two negroes had been caught in the act of breaking into the Seashore Hotel, at Wrightsville Beach. Constable Savage immediately went to the beach and arrested the two negroes who were brought to the city and placed in jail for preliminary trial today.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

FESTIVE PYTHIANS.

Clarendon Lodge Enjoys Impromptu Social—Enjoyable Event.

The Christmas season had a joyous reflection in a delightful impromptu social session enjoyed by members of Clarendon Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias, in Castle Hall, last night. A goodly number of the Knights were present and a committee composed of Messrs. W. J. Toomer and C. McD. Jones soon had an abundant spread of refreshments laid, including the ever tempting turkey sandwiches, followed by cigars and cigarettes, and the evening was most pleasantly spent. Mr. J. W. Smith, an ardent Pythian, was responsible for the musical features of the evening and a large Victor phonograph afforded everything from ragtime to grand opera. The evening was one of the most pleasant of the yuletide season.

NELMS-CARROLL NUPTIALS.

Miss Fannie E. Carroll Bride of Mr. Swift G. Nelms.

Mr. Swift G. Nelms, formerly of this city, but now of Savannah, Ga., and Miss Fannie E. Carroll, of this city, were married last evening at 6:15 o'clock at St. James' Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, the rector, officiating. The couple are highly esteemed and popular in the city and the event was celebrated in the presence of a number of friends.

Mr. Nelms formerly worked in the general offices of the Coast Line in this city and was later transferred to Savannah, where he has been making his home for some time. The couple received the happiest congratulations of many friends. They left on the 7 o'clock Coast Line train for Savannah, where they will reside.

Will Take Up Matter Today

It is expected that the question of building a roadway from Ninth street and the railroad to the plant of the Wynewood Lumber Co., a short distance beyond, will be decided today at a conference between city officials and representatives of the Atlantic Coast Line. They will also decide whether it is best to build a bridge over the tracks at the crossing or to construct the roadway under the tracks. A personal visit to the scene will be made. The city will be represented by a committee composed of Councilmen Perdew and P. Q. Moore and City Attorney Herbert McClammy and the railroad by Geo. B. Elliot, Esq., assistant general counsel, and Junius Davis, Esq., local counsel.

Begins New Work Soon.

Mr. M. O. Alexander, who some time ago was chosen assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, to aid the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, in general work of the church, will begin his new duties upon his return from South Carolina, where he is visiting relatives during the holidays. Mr. Alexander has been associate secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for some time and he has made a most favorable impression, and his new work along the same line of endeavor will doubtless prove very successful.

Funeral of Mr. Jordan Today

The funeral of Mr. Joseph S. Jordan, who passed away at his home, No. 8 Oak avenue, Monday night, after a lingering illness, will be conducted from the home this morning at 8:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. S. Crowley, and the remains will be interred in Bellevue cemetery. The deceased was 56 years of age and had a large number of friends in this city, who learned of his death with much sorrow.

BETTER TELEPHONE SERVICE

Amalagamation of Bell and Cumberland Systems to be Voted Upon

New York, Dec. 26.—An operating amalagamation of the Bell Telephone interests in nine Southern States will be voted upon next month by the directors of the companies involved, it was learned here today. The proposed change is in line with other recent changes for greater economy and efficiency made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, it was announced and embraces the creation of a new operating district.

Should the plan be approved the Southern Bell and Cumberland Telephone Companies will be operated as a unit with W. T. Gentry, of Atlanta, now president of the Southern Bell Company, as president of both companies. James E. Caldwell, president of the Cumberland Company, it is reported, will become chairman of the board of directors of the Cumberland. The disposition of minor officials of the company involved will be determined later, it was said, but there probably will be no drastic changes. The present territory of the Southern Bell Company with the exception of Virginia and West Virginia and the entire territory of the Cumberland Company would thus be placed under one operating head who would direct telephone affairs in the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. It is planned to place Virginia and West Virginia in a new operating district consisting of those States, Maryland and the District of Columbia, with M. H. Buehler, formerly of Pittsburgh, as vice president and general manager, with headquarters at Baltimore. No time has been set for the operating amalagamation of the Southern Bell and Cumberland Companies, but should the plan be approved it probably would go into effect, it is stated, about February 1st. Both concerns are controlled by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and it is planned to have each retain its present corporate form, the change being desirable solely from an administrative and operating viewpoint and to bring about greater efficiency of service.

"As Dumb as a Fish."

"As dumb as a fish" is a saying that does not apply to many species of sea water denizens. The sardine, before it draws its last breath, raises a feeble squeak like the squeak of a mouse. In some fish the vocal organs are sonorous and well developed.—Harper's Weekly.

Date of Columbus' Birth.

Historians differ as to the date of Christopher Columbus' birth, as well as to the place where he was born. Some have it that he was born in 1436, other in 1437. If the first date be correct he was 56 years of age when he discovered America.

SETTLE VEXED QUESTION

President Taft Modified Question of Christian Science Practices

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Taft today settled the vexed question of allowing the practices of Christian Science or other non-medicinal methods of healing the sick on the Panama canal zone. The executive order made several months ago which members of the Christian Science Church feared would prohibit their method of healing, was modified so that there can be no doubt as to the lawfulness of such practices.

The original order provides that any one who wishes to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, pharmacy or midwifery on the canal zone must be licensed by the board of health. As modified by the President the order shall not be construed "to prohibit the practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration of the sick or suffering by mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratituously or for compensation, provided that such sanitary laws, orders, rules and regulations as now are or hereafter may be in force in said canal zone are complied with." The order as modified takes effect January 1st.

THE "SHIPPING TRUST"

Joint Resolutions Will Be Considered For An Investigation

Washington, Dec. 25.—Consideration of a joint resolution providing for a special investigation of the "shipping trust" is to be pressed in Congress soon after the holidays. Hearings on a resolution introduced by Representative Humphrey, of Washington, directing the appointment of a special committee to make the inquiry will begin before the House rules committee January 15th.

"The committee contemplates a thorough hearing on the resolution," said Chairman Henry today.

The Humphrey resolution directs a searching investigation into the methods and practices of various lines of ships, both of the United States and foreign countries engageu in the United States over-sea or foreign commerce. It further directs an investigation of American ships and railroads interested in or controlling the coastwise commerce of the United States as to the methods of these lines in forming conferences, pools or other combinations in violation of the anti-trust law.

COLDEST IN YEARS.

California Orange District Visited by Damaging Weather.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—In many of the orange districts of Southern California last night's weather was the coldest registered in many years. In one section the mercury fell to 16 above zero, while in San Bernardino the thermometer registered 22 and in Riverside 20 degrees above.

Persistent smidging probably has saved the growing crop from injury but in some districts tonight's temperature is awaited with anxiety. What damage already has been done is not considered sufficient to bring the crop below the average.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—For the first time in years Central California has experienced a "white Christmas", not white with a real snow, but a mantel of frost that almost answered the purpose.

Temperatures reported to the government weather bureau for the last 24 hours ranged 20 degrees to 32 degrees above zero.

MAY AMEND RULES.

Rules Against Smoking at Annapolis Are Useless.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The rules of the naval academy at Annapolis prohibiting all midshipmen except those of the first class from smoking, will probably be revoked or amended, it was said by navy officers today. The change, if made, will be the result of the investigation of the case of a midshipman recommended for discharge because of alleged infringement of the anti-smoking rules.

Those familiar with conditions not only at Annapolis, but also at other colleges, say that most college boys have already begun to smoke before matriculation, while others quickly acquire the habit. On that account the rules against smoking at the naval academy are regarded as being useless and unnecessary by many officers.

BACK TO WASHINGTON.

Chairman Underwood Will Resume Work on Wool Schedule.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Representative Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, will return to Washington tomorrow prepared to resume work on the Democratic wool schedule though the other Democratic members of the committee are not expected to take up further consideration of the problem until the holidays are over. The actual work of writing the bill will not begin for several weeks as the committee must await the printed report of the tariff board. This bulky document will not come from the printing office before Congress convenes.

Republican members of the Ways and Means committee who are working on a bill to be based wholly upon the report of the tariff board, also will continue their deliberations tomorrow.

Those Girls.

"What a charming dress, my dear! Such a lovely shade of pink. You always show such perfect taste." (Merciful heavens! That dress must have been made for a wagon cover.' And why in the name of sense she wears pink when it makes her look like a chunk of mud. I can not imagine.)

Legislatively Expressed.

"No one can go wrong if he follows the Ten Commandments," said the sincere citizen. "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "the only trouble about the Ten Commandments arises from the amendments people try to tack to them."

A Large Attendance.

"What is the cause of all this crowding? It looks as if a convention of some kind was being held here." "There is. This is the first annual meeting of statesmen who have been whitewashed by investigating committees."

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Happiness In Sleep.

I saw once how like sleep was to life in the deep waters. A man who to my waking eyes looked cold and starved and ragged sat upon one of the benches on the embankment. He was sleeping, and I knew from his face that then at least he did not count himself miserable. But presently a policeman came and shook the sleeper into waking life. Then all the violence of the world seemed to be let loose upon this wreck of a man. He shook and blinked his eyes and breathed with heavy spasms. It was just as when a fish is caught out of the depth of the sea and suddenly cast into a basket. I have seen mackerel shake and gasp like this poor man suddenly caught up out of the native depths of sleep. Or if you think that a fish thus dying is only an amusing and not a painful sight then think of what it might be if some giant of fable could catch us up out of our native air into the space between the stars. Would we not willingly sink back again into the depth of air? So it is when the loud world lets us glide down into sleep.—London Outlook.

His Name In the Directory.

"One funny thing I have learned about human nature," said the drug store cashier, "is the habit many people have of marking their own names in the city directory. They do that because the directory is the only place where their names ever get into print, and it has such a fascination for them that they can't resist calling attention to it. A funny old man who likes to talk tells me that he has made special trips to different parts of the city just to mark his name in the directories of the neighborhood. He puts a little cross in red ink before it. I asked him what good it did. He said none possibly, although he is a teacher of languages and may get a few calls on account of that queer advertisement. But his is an exceptional case. Not many persons spend time and money hunting city directories, but every time they happen to see a new one they can't help looking up their names and putting some kind of a mark around them."—New York Sun.

Mansfield's Coaching.

"Richard Mansfield," said an actress who played in his company, "was a great teacher, but terribly relentless. I shall never forget a time when I was playing with him in 'The First Violin.' I could not, strive frantically as I would, do the thing he wanted. He was gentle at first, and then, persisting in my failure, he began to lash and whip and sting me with his words until I thought I should have to run away. In agony of impotent desperation I cried out:

"'I cannot! Oh, I cannot!'

"Mr. Mansfield threw up his hands in a gesture of relief, and a smile played about his lips.

"'Why,' he said sweetly, 'you're doing the very thing right now. No one on earth could do it better.' And then I knew what he meant, and those lines were a triumph to me all that season."—Detroit Free Press.

Know Thyself.

To redeem a world sunk in dishonesty has not been given thee; solely over one man therein thou hast quite absolute uncontrollable power; him redeem, him make honest; it will be something, it will be much, and thy life and labor not in vain.—Thomas Carlyle.

Chinese Rice Production.

One Chinaman in every four has never tasted rice; over 200,000,000 bushels—a third of the bumper crop of the United States—is raised yearly in the yellow empire; 40 bushels to the acre—several times the American yield—is forced from the soil by the toiling Chinaman.

Adapted.

"Ah," said the persistent householder as he crept up on the happy and unsuspicious fly buzzing at the window, "this is the pace that kills!"

A Woman's Look.

A woman can say more in a look than a man can in a book.—Boston Transcript.

"I Told You So."

"What pleasure do you derive from being a pessimist?" "A great deal," replied Mr. Growcher. "When the worst happens I at least have the satisfaction of posing as a prophet."

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Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET VERY QUIET

Fluctuations Narrow and Irregular—Close Was Steady and From Two to Three Points Off. December Selling.

New York, Dec. 26.—The cotton market was very quiet today, with fluctuations comparatively narrow and irregular in the absence of Liverpool cables or any fresh news of consequence and closed steady, net two points lower to two points higher. The opening was steady at a decline of 5 points to an advance of 3 points, and during the first hour or so the market showed a declining tendency, owing to the selling of December against late arrivals of spot from the South for delivery and local bear pressure against the later months, which was probably inspired by a bearish view of the Lancashire labor situation and a feeling that pre-holiday covering had left the market in a comparatively weak technical position. December sold off to a net loss, of 13 points, and later months to a decline of from 6 to 7 points, comparing with the closing prices of last Friday, but around this level offerings were well taken by covering of old shorts, and buying of the later positions by houses with continental connections.

It was intimated that December notices amounting to about 15,000 bales were circulating, but the concentrated December long interest seemed to be taking up the cotton and as soon as the early flurry of offerings had subsided the market steadied up to about or a shade over the closing figures of Friday on covering or buying for a turn.

The rally was barely maintained, however, and the close was 2 to 3 points off from the best on most positions. Liverpool will reopen for business tomorrow morning, and at the same time some more definite news is expected with reference to the British Labor situation as it is understood here that master spinners had given their employees until Wednesday morning to withdraw their demand or that otherwise a general lockout in Northeastern Lancashire would be declared. More or less general precipitation is reported in the South, but while it was felt that rain or snow might interfere with ginning and with the movement it is also claimed that the precipitation was putting a good season in the ground from a new crop standpoint, and the day's market as a whole reflected more or less disposition to await developments. Receipts today, 40,420 against 109,324 last week. Today's receipts at Galveston, 12,527, against 23,744 last year; at New Orleans, none, against 40 last year, and at Houston, 26,850, against 32,431 last year.

Spot closed quiet, 10 points lower; middling uplands, 9.40; middling gulf, 9.65; sales, 7,200 bales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	8.77	8.87	8.70	8.76
Feb	8.81	....	....	8.83
Mar	8.91	8.93	8.84	8.90
Apr	....	....	....	8.97
May	9.00	9.05	8.95	9.04
June	9.00	....	....	....
July	9.00	9.13	9.05	9.13
Aug	9.10	9.12	....	9.13
Sept	9.18	9.18	....	9.20
Oct	9.22	9.25	9.17	9.25
Nov	....	....	....	9.28
Dec	9.08	9.13	9.00	9.13

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 9¼; net receipts, 12,527; gross receipts, 12,527; sales, 91; stock, 421,850; France, 7,070.

New Orleans—Quiet and Steady, 9¼; sales, 9.20; stock, 301,508; coastwise, 720.

Mobile—Net receipts, 2,327; gross receipts, 2,327; stock, 90,052; continent, 8,265.

Savannah—Dull, 8 11-16; net receipts, 11,450; gross receipts, 11,450; sales, 1,790; stock, 281,911; continent, 10,676; coastwise, 3,798.

Charleston—Quiet, 8⅞; net receipts, 1,322; gross receipts, 1,322; stock, 47,840.

Wilmington—Dull, 8¾; net receipts, 1,034; gross receipts, 1,034; stock, 13,534.

Norfolk—Steady, 8¾; net receipts, 9,400; gross receipts, 9,400; sales, 2,316; stock, 52,356.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9⅜; sales, 5,236; stock, 1,485.

New York—Quiet, 9.40; gross receipts, 8,898; sales, 7,200; stock, 168,372; France, 7,449; constwise, 4,588.

Boston—Nominal, 9.40; stock, 12,257.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.65; gross receipts, 500; stock, 3,907.

Brunswick—Stock, 11,685.

Gulfport—Stock, 9,848.

Texas City—Net receipts, 2,300; gross receipts, 2,300; stock, 82,131.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 40,420; France, 14,528; continent, 20,426; stock, 1,502,577.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 132,193; Great Britain, 45,170; France, 45,595; continent, 85,672; Japan, 6,986.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,921,013; Great Britain, 2,081,516; France, 627,341; continent, 2,038,146; Japan, 15,448; Mexico, 3,235.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 9¼; net receipts, 26,850; gross receipts, 26,850; shipments, 20,722; sales, 891; stock, 184,104.

Augusta—Quiet (three days), 9½; net receipts, 3,644; gross receipts, 4,438; shipments, 1,114; sales, 315; stock, 91,902.

Memphis—Quiet, 9⅜; net receipts, 1,672; gross receipts, 1,045; shipments, 859; sales, 5,200; stock, 20,357.

St. Louis—Quiet (two days), 9⅜; net receipts, 1,056; gross receipts, 4,883; shipments, 4,118; stock, 26,911.

Cincinnati—Quiet (three days), net receipts, 368; gross receipts, 368; shipments, 434; sales, 300; stock, 11,512.

Little Rock—Quiet (two days), 9; net receipts, 4,300; gross receipts, 4,300; shipments, 3,345; stock, 44,211.

Louisville—Firm, 9⅝.

Total today—Net receipts, 37,890; gross receipts, 51,684; shipments, 38,342; sales, 2,706; stock, 562,407.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Welcome snow falling throughout the winter wheat belt crop carried the price of wheat today to a lower level. The close was weak at a net decline of ⅝ to ⅝. Corn finished ½ off to ⅝ up; oats down ⅝@¾ to 1¼, and hog products unchanged to 5½c. advance.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95½; No. 3, red, 93½@95½; No. 2, hard, 97@1.00; No. 3, hard, 94@97; No. 1, northern, 1.07@1.09; No. 2, northern, 1.04@1.07; No. 3, northern, 1.00@1.05; No. 2, Spring, 98@1.05½; No. 3, Spring, 88@95; No. 4, Spring, 85@97; velvet chaff, 90@1.04; durum, 90@1.02.

Corn—No. 2, 70½; No. 2, yellow, old, 65@67; No. 3, white, 61½@62½; No. 3, yellow, 61½@62; old, 71; No. 4, 58½@59½; No. 4, white, 59½@60; No. 4, yellow, 58½@59½.

Oats—No. 2, 47¼@48¼; No. 3, 45½; No. 3, white, 45¾@47; No. 4, white, 44½@46½; standard, 46½@47½.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	94	94⅛	93⅝	93⅞
May	98¼	98⅝	97¾	97⅞
July	93⅝	93¾	93¼	93⅜
Corn:				
Dec	63⅝	64	63⅜	63½
May	64¼	64⅝	63½	63⅝
July	64⅛	64¼	63½	63⅜
Oats:				
Dec	46¼	46½	45¾	45⅝
May	47⅝	47⅝	46⅝	46⅝
July	44¼	44¼	43	43
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
May	16.05	16.07½	15.92½	16.05
July	16.17½	16.20	16.10	16.20
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	9.17½	9.20	9.12½	9.20
May	9.45	9.45	9.37½	9.45
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	8.30	8.35	8.27½	8.35
May	8.62½	8.65	8.55	8.62½
July	8.65	8.70	8.60	8.67½

MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 26.—Money on call, steady, at 3½@3¾ per cent.; ruling rate, 3¾; closing bid, 3½; offered at 3¾. Time loans, easier; sixty days and ninety days, 4@4¼ per cent.; six months, 4@4¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4¼@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.83@25 for sixty-day bills, and at 4.86@20 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.82½; bar silver, 54¼; Mexican dollars, 43¾; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. Nederland (Dutch), 2,588 tons, Boere, Junin via Savannah, Heide & Co.

Str. Indian Monarch (Br.), 2,818 tons, Wood, Junin, H. A. Whyte.

Schr. Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Jones, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

Cleared.

Str. Navahoe, 1,278 tons, Packer, Georgetown.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Nederland (Dutch), 2,588 tons, Boere, Heide & Co.

Indian Monarch (Br.), 2,818 tons, Wood, H. A. Whyte.

Hillmore (Br.), 2,239 tons, Griffiths, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Runswick (Br.), 1,940 tons; Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Belle Isle (Fr.), 1,382 tons, St. Martan, Heide & Co.

Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Wm. Thomas Moore, 261 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt.

Warren B. Potter, 311 tons, Hammett, C. D. Maffitt.

Eliza A. Scribner, 350 tons, Dodd, C. D. Maffitt.

Mineola (Br.), 270 tons, Forsythe, C. D. Maffitt.

Sylvia C. Hall, 285 tons, Sprague, C. D. Maffitt.

Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Maffitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Maffitt; in distress.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 26.

Atlantic Coast Line—2,986 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 47 barrels rosin; 18 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—1,153 bales cotton.

Str. Alice—7 casks spirits turpentine; 57 barrels rosin; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—19 casks spirits turpentine; 50 barrels rosin; 4 casks crude turpentine.

Total—4,049 bales cotton; 30 casks spirits turpentine; 154 barrels rosin; 18 barrels tar; 31 barrels crude turpentine.

Total last year—3,520 bales cotton; 1 casks spirits turpentine; 225 barrels rosin; 332 barrels tar; 72 barrels crude turpentine.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 26.—Flour was quiet and without quotable change.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Quiet.

Rye—Steady.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot, easy; No. 2, red, 95¾c., elevator, export basis, to arrive; No. 2, red, 97¼, f. o. b., afloat. Options closed ½@⅝c. net lower. December, 96⅝; May, 1.02 5-16.

Corn—Easy; export, new, 69¾, f. o. b. afloat.

Oats—Spot, easy; standard white, 53c. in elevator; No. 2, 53¼. Futures, nominal.

Lard—Steady.

Beef—Steady.

Cut Meats—Dull.

Lard—Firm.

Tallow—Steady.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Molasses—Quiet.

Rice—Firm.

Sugar—Raw, quiet; refined, quiet.

Coffee—Futures closed quiet, net unchanged to 7 points higher. Spot coffee, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 14½; Santos, No. 4, 15¾; mild, dull; Cordova, 16½@18½, nominal.

Butter—Unsettled.

Cheese—Firm.

Eggs—Unsettled.

Potatoes—Quiet and steady. Bermuda, per barrel, 4.00@6.00; Southern late crop, 2.50@2.75; Long Island, 3.25@3.50; State, in bulk, 180 pounds, 2.75@2.87; Jersey sweets, 2.50@3.50.

Cabbages—Steady. Red, per ton, 24.00@25.00; Danish, 20.00@25.00; domestic, 14.00@19.00.

Freights—Steady. Cotton to Liverpool, per 100 pounds, 30c.; grain to Liverpool, 3½d.; grain to London, 4d.

Peanuts—Steady. Fancy hand-picked, Virginias, 5¼; Virginia shelled No. 1 and No. 2, 4@6¾.

Cotton Seed Oil—Steady on nearby deliveries and on covering of shorts, while late months were heavy in absence of demand. Spot closed 14 points higher than Friday, and futures 1 higher to 1 lower. December, 5.37@5.39; January, 5.32@5.34; February, 5.35@5.39; March, 5.39@5.40; April, 5.42@5.45. Prime crude, 4.13@4.17; prime summer yellow, 5.39@5.50; prime Winter yellow, 5.55@6.00; do. summer, white, 5.30@6.00.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady, 48 cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $6.15.

TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.00; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@$6.00.

Receipts:

Spirits Turpentine	30
Rosin	154
Tar	18
Crude Turpentine	31

Receipts same day last year, 1 cask spirits turpentine; 225 barrels rosin; 332 barrels tar; 72 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Firm, 8¾.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 4,049 bales; same day last year, 3,520 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 16.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; .27 per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; .04¼@.05 per lb.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

EGGS—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 26.

All grades steady and quiet.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Firm at 80c. per bushel. Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c. per lb. Fancy hnd-picked, 3⅝c. to 3¾c. per lb. Extra prime, 3½c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine-Picked, 3c. to 3½c. per lb.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 26.—The cotton goods markets opened quiet and firm, the coarser grades showing considerable strength. Openings of fine cotton goods novelties for Spring announced by leading retailers. The dress goods demand for future delivery holds steady.

STOCK MARKET UNCHANGED

Trading Same Dull Monotone as Last Week—Price Movements Only Nominal—The Selling. The Professionals.

New York, Dec. 26.—The appearance of the stock market today after the triple holiday was hardly changed, and trading was in the same dull monotone as during the preceding week. With few exceptions, price movements were only nominal. The market remained in the hands of professional operators and there were no indications of the entrance of a new element at present.

With no occurrence over the holiday to influence the market, trading come to a complete standstill several times during the day. The total transactions for the day were only slightly in excess of 200,000.

Trading in bonds was again fairly active.

Among the few stocks which moved widely today, Lehigh Valley and Great Northern Ore Certificates were conspicuous. The Ore Certificates showed pronounced weakness early in the day, selling for a time at a decline of 3 points. Lehigh Valley rose to the highest figure on record since it was listed in New York, but later lost more than it had gained. The selling was presumably based on reports of further postponement of action in regard to the segregation of the coal property from the railroad, concerning which Wall Street has heard recently much gossip, but no authenticated statement. The copper group developed strength in the afternoon, Anaconda and Utah Copper making substantial gains. U. S. Steel showed moderate firmness. Reports from the Steel trade continued to be of favorable character and it is estimated by the first of the year the plants of the Steel Corporation would be running at close to 85 per cent.

Money rates showed no reflection of the impending heavy demands for January payments, and it was apparent that there was a large supply of loanable funds on hand. Prices were shaded in the bond market with Wabash 4s showing conspicuous heaviness after a slight advance. Total sales, par value, $3,002,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales today, 210,400 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers, pfd	7½
Amalgamated Copper	63
American Agricultural	62¾
American Beet Sugar	30¾
American Can	10⅝
American Car and Foundry	53⅜
American Cotton Oil	47¼
American Hide and Leather, pfd	23
American Ice Securities	18½
American Linseed	11½
American Locomotive	36
American Smelting and Refining	74⅜
American Smelting and Refining, pfd	102½
American Steel Foundries	33
American Sugar Refining	115
American Tel and Tel	139⅝
American Tobacco, pfd	103⅝
American Woolen	25
Anaconda Mining Co	38⅞
Atchison	106
Atchison, pfd	104
Atlantic Coast Line	134
Baltimore and Ohio	103¼
Bethlehem Steel	30½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	76¾
Canadian Pacific	241⅞
Central Leather	21½
Central Leather, pfd	91½
Central of New Jersey	318
Chesapenke and Ohio	74¾
Chicago and Alton	24
Chicago Great Western	18⅝
Chicago Great Western, pfd	36¼
Chicago and North Western	142½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	110⅝
C., C., C. and St. Louis	63
Colorado Fuel and Iron	26½
Colorado and Southern	48
Consolidated Gas	138¾
Corn Products	10
Delaware and Hudson	167
Denver and Rio Grande	19
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	39
Distillers' Securities	31½
Erie	32½
Erie, 1st pfd	52⅝
Erie, 2nd pfd	42
General Electric	154
Great Northern, pfd	127¾
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	37
Illinois Central	140
Interborough-Met	15
Interborough-Met., pfd	48½
Inter-Harvester	108¾
Inter-Marine, pfd	18⅝
International Paper	9⅝
International Pump	33
Iowa Central	15½
Kansas City Southern	27¾
Kansas City Southern, pfd	64
Laclede Gas	104¾
Louisville and Nashville	135½
Minneapolis and St. Louis	33
Minn., St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie	135¼
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	28⅞
Missouri, Kan. and Tex., pfd	62
Missouri Pacific	38⅞
National Biscuit	130½
National Lead	53¾
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	34⅞
New York Central	105¼
New York, Ontario and Western	39
Norfolk and Western	108½
North American	74
Northern Pacific	118⅝
Pacific Mail	31
Pennsylvania	122¾
People's Gas	103
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	96½
Pittsburg Coal	18½
Pressed Steel Car	33½
Pullman Palace Car	158
Railway Steel Spring	30⅝
Reading	153
Republic Steel	27⅝
Republic Steel, pfd	84
Rock Island Co	23⅜
Rock Island Co., pfd	44½
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	41⅝
St. Louis Southwestern	30
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	70
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	44
Southern Pacific	112½
Southern Railway	29¼
Southern Railway, pfd	71
Tennessee Copper	37⅞
Texas and Pacific	20
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	13
Toledo, St. L. and West., pfd	35½
Union Pacific	174
Union Pacific, pfd	92½
United States Realty	69
United States Rubber	48
United States Steel	68½
United States Steel, pfd	111¾
Utah Copper	56½
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	54⅝
Wabash	6½
Wabash, pfd	16½
Western Maryland	60¾
Westinghouse Electric	67
Western Union	78½
Wheeling and Lake Erie	3¾

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 26.—Rosin, steady. Turpentine, quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 26.—Turpentine, firm, at 49½; sales, 4,30; receipts, 1,062; shipments, 6,610; stocks, 33,449.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 3,567; receipts, 3,918; shipments, 10,001; stocks, 132,965. Quote: B, 6.75; D, 6.80; E, 6.85; F, G, H and I, 6.90; K, 7.20; M, 7.30; N, 7.30; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

Charleston, Dec. 26.—Turpentine and rosin, unchanged.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 27, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 46 degrees; at 8 P. M., 61 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees; mean, 58 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01 inch; for the month, 3.31 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 27 feet and falling.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Wednesday; colder in extreme west portion; Thursday, fair; much colder; brisk southwest to northwest winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 27.

Sun rises	7:16 A. M.
Sun sets	5:10 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.
High water at Southport	12:01 A. M.
High water at Wilmington	3:31 A. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 26, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest Today	Temperature: Lowest Last Night	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	42	30	.01
Asheville	raining	58	44	.06
Atlanta	clear	68	48	.22
Augusta	pt cldy	62	50	.16
Birmingham	....	....	54	1.22
Boston	cloudy	46	34	.0
Charleston	foggy	66	52	.0
Charlotte	raining	48	44	.30
Chicago	raining	42	32	.22
Galveston	clear	68	64	.38
Jacksonville	clear	80	60	.0
Memphis	clear	62	48	1.50
Mobile	cloudy	72	62	.24
Montgomery	raining	78	60	.30
New Orleans	cloudy	76	64	.30
New York	raining	44	32	.04
Palestine	pt cldy	44	42	.08
Oklahoma	clear	50	24	.02
Pittsburg	raining	50	40	.34
Raleigh	raining	48	42	.26
Savannah	pt cldy	68	54	.0
Shreveport	clear	58	50	.64
St. Louis	cloudy	48	34	.28
Washington	raining	42	32	.34

PURSUING NEGRO

He Shot and Killed A Young White Farmer

Sandersville, Ga., Dec. 25.—An armed posse tonight is in pursuit of a negro named Walker, who today shot and killed William Green, a young white farmer, four miles west of Tennille, on the Central of Georgia Railroad. If the negro is captured a lynching is probable.

It is stated that Green was in a wagon with two negroes when Walker approached and aimed a snot gun at one of the negroes. Green is alleged to have remonstrated with Walker whereupon the negro turned the gun on the white man and killed him.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Robert Fowler, who is flying from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, crossed the Mississippi river today but the crossing was made on a ferry boat and the aviator was in a passenger car on his way to a Christmas dinner in this city with his mother. Fowler left his machine at Paradise, La., 22 miles west of the river, further flights being impossible today because of heavy rains. He will return to Paradise tomorrow and resume his schedule tomorrow and if possible will fly to this city.

Child's Request.

Bobby's aunt had often brought him some tiny chocolate mice, which he liked very much except for their size. One day he sidled up to her coaxingly and said: "Auntie, next time you buy chocolate mice, won't you please buy rats?"

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Thimas Council, deceased, this is to notify all persons owing the said Thimas Council to make immediate payment to the undersigned and all persons having claims against the said estate to present them to me on or before December 13th, 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

GEORGE M. HUTAFF,
Administrator, Estate Thimas Council.
This December 12th, 1911. de13w4t

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION.

The undersigned having this day duly qualified as Administratrix of the estate of the late John C. Boesch, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, duly verified, to her, on or before the 6th day of December, A. D. 1912, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

MINNIE BOESCH,
Administratrix of the estate of John C. Boesch.
Dated this December 5th, 1911.
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BOYS AND GIRLS

should have their teeth carefully attended to while they are yet in their early years. The sooner any decay or weakness of the teeth is seen to, the better will it be for boy or girl. The latter particularly will feel the lack of good teeth as she grows up, because they always count for beauty in young ladies. See us about your dental matters and you will get the best work at the least cost.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE.

To the Owners and Holders of Bonds outstanding under that certain Mortgage or Deed of Trust from the Tidewater Power Company to the Carnegie Trust Company, dated January 1, 1909:

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy having occurred in the office of the Trustee under the mortgage or deed of trust executed by the Tidewater Power Company to the Carnegie Trust Company, as Trustee, bearing date the 1st day of January, 1909, securing an issue of bonds of this Company of the aggregate par value of $2,000,000, the Board of Directors of this Company has, pursuant to the terms of said mortgage, filled such vacancy by a resolution duly adopted at a meeting duly called and held on the 24th day of October, 1911, whereby the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities was designated and appointed as Trustee as successor to said Carnegie Trust Company;

In accordance with the terms and provisions of said mortgage or deed of trust, and in accordance with the said resolution adopted as aforesaid, a certificate of the appointment of the said Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, was duly registered in the office of the Register of the County of New Hanover, in Book No. 26, Records of New Hanover County, page 325.

An order has also been entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, on the 29th day of November, 1911, permitting the superintendent of Banks of the State of New York, in charge of the Carnegie Trust Company, to join with the Carnegie Trust Company in resigning as Trustee under the said mortgage or deed of trust, and to convey to the said Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities all rights and property of the said Carnegie Trust Company, as Trustee, under the said mortgage or deed of trust.

By virtue of the said resolution of the Board of Directors, and by virtue of the said certificate recorded as aforesaid, and by virtue of the said order entered in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, notice is hereby given that the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities is now the duly qualified and acting Trustee under and by virtue of the aforesaid mortgage or deed of trust in the place of and as successor to said Carnegie Trust Company.

This notice is published in accordance with the terms and provisions of the said mortgage or deed of trust.

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By Hugh MacRae, President.
H. Woollcott, Secretary.
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FUNERAL OF COL. KENAN

Remains of the Beloved North Carolian Laid to Rest

(Raleigh News and Observer, 26th.)

Christ Church was crowded Sunday afternoon when a large number of sorrowing friends of this city and elsewhere gathered to pay a last tribute to the memory of Col. Thomas S. Kenan, Clerk of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, who passed into the great beyond Saturday morning.

The funeral over the remains of this beloved and faithful man took place at 3 o'clock and the simple, but impressive services, were conducted by Rev. Milton A. Barber. As the funfriends who filed from the church, "Peace, Perfect Peace," was softly sung. Other hymns rendered during the service were "Art Thou Weary; Art Thou Languid," and "Abide with Me." The Scripture reading was from the sixteenth chapter of Corinthians. It was indeed a sad host of friends who fled from the church, for each knew that the presence of one whose place will be hard to fill had been taken from them; one whose sudden departure will be moaned by all, and one whose memory will long be cherished.

After the services at the church were concluded the remains were tenderly and reverently borne to their resting place in Oakwood Cemetery. On account of the threatening weather there was not a very large crowd present.

The services at the grave were very impressive and ended with the placing on the grave of the great number of beautiful floral offerings sent from all parts of the State. So ended the life of one of the State's foremost sons.

Attending the funeral in a body were all the State officers, members of the Capital Club, of which Colonel Kenan was a member, Confederate Veterans, and the colored servants of the family.

At the funeral the honorary pall bearers were Chief Justice Walter Clark, Associate Justices Platt D. Walker, George H. Brown, W. A. Hoke, W. R. Allen, Gen. R. F. Hoke, Dr. F. P. Venable, of the State University; Mr. Josephus Daniels, former Associate Justice J. S. Manning, of Durham; Judge Henry G. Connor, Hon. R. H. Battle, Capt. S. A. Ashe, Mr. A. A. Thompson, Maj. John W. Graham, of Hillsboro; Maj. W. A. Graham, Hon. Ashley Horne and ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock. The active pall-bearers were Messrs. Richard Busbee, William B. Grimes, William Little, James McKee, Henry Turner, Grimes Cowper, Sr., E. B. Crow and S. Brown Shepherd.

Here to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Jr., of Lockport, N. Y.; Mrs. H. M. Flagler, of New York; Dr. Owen Kenan, of New York; Capt. J. G. Kenan, of Kenansville; Mr. Graham Kenan, of Wilmington; Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise and Miss Sarah G. Kenan, of Wilmington; Miss Emily Kenan, of Kenansville; Mr. Thomas S. Kenan, Jr., of Atlanta; Mr. Lawrence Dortch, of Aberdeen, Miss.; Mr. George D. Green, a cousin of Colonel Kenan, and Mrs. George D. Green, of Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carter, of Wilson; Maj. John W. Graham, of Hillsboro; ex-Judge J. S. Manning, of Durham; Hon. Ashley Horne, of Clayton; Dr. F. P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina.

INTEREST IN RICHESON CASE.

Public Noted Yesterday's Developments—Try for Secret Trial.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—With the coming trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Avis Linnell, less than two weeks away, public interest in the case was increased considerably by today's developments.

One of these developments was the appearance of Rev. George E. Horr, president of the Newton Theological Institution, where the accused clergyman prepared for the pulpit at the office of Deputy Pelliter. Although no statement was given out at the conclusion of their conference, it is believed the district attorney questioned Dr. Horr as to his knowledge regarding the engagement of Richeson to Miss Linnell.

An attempt to have a private trial of the accused minister was made today with the filing by a local attorney of a petition for the incoming legislature to enact a statute which would cause the exclusion from the court room of all persons not connected with any case which involves the decency and morals of the community. As the legislature convenes on the third of next month, rapid action in adopting the proposed bill would make it effective in the Richeson case. Three hundred summons were issued today upon voters to serve on the special jury panel.

COFFIN DESECRATED.

Bones of Servian Chief Have Been Stolen.

Vienna, Dec. 26.—The vault in St. Mark's cemetery in which reposed for many years the bones of Kara George Petrovitch, founder of the Servian dynasty, has been desecrated. The skull of the former Servian chief has been stolen, but the decorations and rings were not touched. The coffin of Queen Persida was not opened. There is no clue to the desecrators.

Kara George (Black George), of George Czerny, was a peasant, born in 1766, who became in 1806 the leader of the Servians in the revolt against Turkey. He defeated the Turks, captured Belgrade and liberated Servia. He was driven out of Servia in 1813, and was murdered in 1817.

Left-over pieces of Boston brown bread or gingerbread may be made into a palatable dessert by pouring over them a sauce made of maple syrup and a few chopped nuts and dates boiled together.

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WON'T ANNUL MARRIAGE

Vatican Refuses to Act According to Count Boni's Application

Rome, Dec. 26.—The vatican has declined to grant Count Boni de Castellane an annullment of his marriage with Anna Gould, who is now the Duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan. Countess de Castellane was granted a divorce from her husband and given the custody of their three children on November 14th, 1906. About a year ago Count Boni applied to the vatican for annullment of the marriage.

For several months past the congregation of the council has had under advisement the process received from the archbishopric of Paris concerning the case:

Count Boni came to Rome on December 20th for the purpose of using all possible influences to obtain his object. In this he was not opposed by the Duchess of Tallyrand. The decision of the congregation of the council, however, which was communicated to him yesterday, rejected his petition for the annullment. The ground on which the application was denied was summarized as follows:

"A marriage celebrated and consummated, if performed according to the law of the Church as until proved to the contrary, as was in the case of the Castellane-Gould marriage, is indissoluble. There are certain impediments, which, if existing before the marriage, can prevent its celebration, or, if celebrated in ignorance of them under the marriage invalid which case such can proclaim that the union of the parties never in reality existed. But in the arguments brought forward by Castellane no such impediments have been shown."

Count Boni left here tonight for Paris. He expects to return to Rome about the middle of January. It is thought that he will bring forward new points on which to base another application for annullment.

FYNN TO FIGHT JOHNSON

If Country Will Stand for Another Negro Pugilistic Bout

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 26.—Jack Curley, of Chicago, manager of Jim Flynn, the Peublo heavyweight, announced today that he would guarantee Jack Johnson $20,000 for his share of the purse, win, lose or draw, for a finish fight with Flynn for the heavyweight championship of the world.

Curley declared he would select Nevada as the battleground as he insisted that the fight be to a finish and he did not think it could be staged elsewhere.

Curley expects to be in Chicago next Sunday to confer with Johnson after the Flynn-Caponi bout, scheduled here for tomorrow night.

In Chicago Curley will meet Harry Pollock, promoter of events at Madison Square Garden in New York, to discuss a proposition made by Pollock in a telegram today. The message to Curley says:

"To match Flynn with Johnson $25,000 purse. Ten rounds. Will meet you in Chicago."

Curley said tonight that he was not in favor of a ten-round bout.

"Johnson might go pretty strong for ten rounds," he surmised. "We prefer 20 rounds or to a finish."

Reno, Nev., Dec. 26.—From a legal standpoint there is nothing to prevent the staging of the proposed Flynn-Johnson battle on Nevada soil. The law enacted in 1897 for the benefit of the promoters of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout is still in force.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Jack Johnson was positive in asserting that he would not fight Flynn for less than a $30,000 purse.

"I am willing to meet Flynn anywhere in the world, he said, "but the purse must be $30,000."

LaFOLLETTE LOGICAL CANDIDAT

This is According to Senator Clapp, of Minnesota.

Salem, O., Dec. 26.—Contrasting Ohio and its 100,000 Democratic majority in the recent election with Wisconsin and its 100,000 majority for Senator LaFollette, Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, opening the "progressive" Republican campaign in Ohio here tonight declared LaFollette was the logical candidate for the Republicans for the Presidency in 1912. Senator Clapp is the first of the LaFollette speakers to invade Ohio in the campaign opposing the re-nomination of President Taft.

Referring to the split in the Republican ranks in Congress in recent years, brought about, he said, by the struggle between the so-called reactionaries and insurgents, Senator Clapp took occasion to assail the so-called "reactionaries headed by Aldrich and Cannon" whose policy he stated has been to reverse the policy of the preceding eight years which formed "the brightest chapter in the history of the Republican party."

Democratic victories in such States as Maine, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia and Ohio, which followed closely the "dominance of Congress" by the reactionaries, Senator Clapp declared was merely the protest of the rank and file of the Republican party against the new leadership of the reactionaries.

Senator LaFollette speaks tomorrow in Youngstown.

HYDE PRESENTS AFFIDAVIT.

Proof That Business Men Believe Him Guilty of Bribery.

New York, Dec. 26.—Submitting a remarkable affidavit containing interviews from business men as proof that the people of New York county believe he is guilty, Charles H. Hyde, former city chamberlain, whose trial on the charge of bribery was set for January 2nd, filed a motion with the Supreme Court today for a change of venue. The bribery was committed in connection with transactions involving city funds between the northern banks, of which Joseph J. Robin was head, and the Carnegie Trust Company, both defunct.

Public opinion has been prejudiced, Hyde's affidavit says, by "the fierce campaign" waged against him by the newspapers and political foes of himself and the administration of Mayor Gaynor, whom the "prosecution" he declared, has been chiefly directed.

The interviews with business men, secured by a law student, it is stated, are all of condemnatory nature. Hyde submitted also a large batch of newspaper articles and cartoons on his case.

January 5th was fixed as the day for hearing argument on the motion, thus postponing the trial.

EMBEZZLER CONFESSES.

John Fielding, of Evanston, Surrendered to New York Police.

New York, Dec. 26.—Moved by the Christmas spirit and thought that he was stranded here with but a few dollars left out of $4,000 he said he embezzled in Evanston, Ill., 16 months ago, John Fielding made a dramatic confession at police headquarters here today.

"I want you to arrest me," he told the lieutenant on duty. "I am John Fielding, of Evanston, Ill., 57 years old and I suppose I look it. I was cashier of the Northwestern Gas, Light & Coke Company, of my city for many years and on August 10, 1910, I got away with $4,000 of my employers' money. Then my troubles began. I went to Canada and England and became morose, melancholy and nervous. Two weeks ago I arrived here with my money dwindled down to nothing and on Christmas night I braced up and said to myself: 'John, go back and face the charge. I was the first time you ever committed a wrongful act.' So I decided that before the next night I would put my head on my pillow with as clean a conscience as I could have after giving myself up to the authorities."

The police believe Fielding's story true and have locked him up pending communication with the Evanston authorities. Fielding said he had a wife and family in Evanston and a little property with which he hoped to cover his embezzlement.

THAW WANTS LIBERTY

Slayer of Stanford White Contends Again for Release

New York, Dec. 26.—Harry K. Thaw, it is said, soon will make another effort to obtain his release from Matteawan. He probably will base his contention that he is entitled to his liberty the same as Mrs. Frances O'Shaughenessy, who murdered her husband on May 5th last in New York, and who was paroled by the court in the custody of her attorney, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, and Dr. William Maybon, in charge of Wards Island.

Thaw is of the opinion that the case of Mrs. O'Shaughenessy and his own are identical, and if the woman is entitled to her freedom, so is he., Judge Warren W. Foster, of general sessions of New York, was questioned yesterday as to the similiarity of the Thaw case with that of Mrs. O'Shaughnessy. He said:

"Although the court followed the Thaw case and acted on it as a precedent for the O'Shaughnessy trial, yet I do not think Thaw can establish a case making the release of the O'Shaughnessy woman as a precedent. She was paroled by the court of her own good, not that the court feared she would be a menace to the community at large.

SHUSTER MAKES REPLY

Informs Persian Cabinet His Willingness to Hand Over Accounts

Teheran, Dec. 26.—W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, who has been dismissed from office by the cabinet in compliance with the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum, today sent his reply to the cabinet in which he stated his willingness to hand over his accounts when his successor is named. He added that the chief solicitude now was for the welfare of his fourteen American assistants concerning whom nothing has yet been decided. Meetings were held today in the various mosques to protest against the action of the government. The Minister of the Interior has issued an order that new elections shall be held as soon as possible.

The latest despatches from Tabriz report a temporary lull in the fighting. A telegram from Shiraz, province of Fars, where a boycott has been instituted against the Indian troops, reports another attack on the Indians near Kazeroon in which two Sowards were killed. The situation there is regarded as serious.

PERSIA GROWING HOSTILE.

Russian Troops Continue to Slay Persians is the Report.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Russian troops continue to kill Persians in Tabriz, according to dispatches received in Washington today from official sources in Teheran. Cablegrams from the Persian capital declare that alleged Russian atrocities have so aroused the Persian people that it will be impossible now to bring about an amicable settlement between Russia and Persia.

The Persian attitude is declared to be one of growing hostility.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—A telegram from Tabriz says that the total loss of the Russian, killed and severely wounded in the recent fighting in that city, is about 100. Several bodies of Russian soldiers have been found partly burned. The director of the Persian department of the Russian foreign office, in an interview today, said that the government was convinced that the Persian government was not concerned in the anti-Russian outbreak at Tabriz or elsewhere. Those responsible were principally Armenians and criminals.

CHICAGO OFFICERS CHARGED.

Accused of Incompetency, Inefficiency and Neglect of Duty.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Inspector John Wheeler, Capt. Patrick J. Harding, and Lieuts. Daniel Kelliher, George T. Prim and John B. Enright, forming the third group of police officials to be called to acount for alleged incompetency, inefficiency and neglect of duty, were scheduled to go to trial today before the Civil Service Commission.

The men were in charge of what is known as the South Side Levee district. Wheeler had been commanding officer over this district for years. Inspectors Dorman and Revere have been tried and dismissed by the Civil Service Commisisoner.

Capt. Harding will be the second captain to be tried. Capt. Baer's case has not been decided thus far. He, with Lieut. Hanley, was tried with Revere. Hanley was acquitted. Two lieutenants, Ambrose and Howard, were dismissed with Dorman.

Toledo, O., Dec. 26.—The Locus county "progressive" Republican League, at a meeting tonight endorsed Theodore Roosevelt for President by almost unanimous vote. I rescinded its action of several weeks ago, in appointing delegates to attend the "progressive" conference in the interests of LaFollette, at Columbus, January 1st.

QUARREL ENDS IN DEATH.

White Boy is Killed by a Negro Near Southern Pines.

Southern Pines, N. C., Dec. 26.—Francis Ruggles, 17 years old, of Southern Pines, son of Adolphus Ruggles, is dead, and Eustace Robinson, a negro, is in jail at Carthage charged with the murder as the result of a pistol affair late last night near here. It is said that several young white men were having an argument with the negro when he pulled a gun and fired at Ruggles, the shot proving fatal. The negro fled, but was arrested today at Hoffman and brought to Aberdeen. From there he was taken to jail at Carthage. The dead boy's family is one of the oldest in Southern Pines and the tragedy has awakened considerable indignation here.

MORRIS TO FIGHT KENNEDY.

The Bout Will Take Place in New York Today.

New York, Dec. 26.—Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, who has been fighting doggedly to overcome the reverse he met in a beating by Jim Flynn, and has won three recent fights with knockouts, will meet Tom Kennedy, the local heavyweight, here tomorrow, with the idea of clearing his path to a match with Jack Johnson as Morris' manager. He is a great deal more fit than when he first appeared here and that he can beat Kennedy if he knows how to use his great strength.

Another good heavyweight match is scheduled for Thursday night between Al Palser and Al Kaufmann.

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FOR RENT—A nice five-room cottage, with one or two acres of land, situated on Castle Hayne road, about one-quarter mile from the city. P. Q. Moore. de27-6t

WANTED—Board and room in private family, by two young men. Best references. Address "B. H. E.," Box 295. de27-1t*

FOR RENT—Upper floor, new house, 4 rooms and bath; electric lights, gas and modern conveniences; suitable for light housekeeping. Apply 206 North Seventh street. de27-1t*

WILD TURKEYS—Fresh country eggs, grown and young chickens, at C. B. Bellois, Produce Dealer, 16 North Second street. de27-1t*

NOTICE—All members of Geo. Washington Council, No. 67, Jr. O. U. A. M., are hereby requested to attend a special meeting of the council at 6:30 P. M., Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th. Willie Hammond, Councilor. de27-1t

MOTOR CYCLISTS ATTENTION—Motor Cyclists who expect to compete in the racing at Highwood Park on Jan. 1st should see Mr. E. R. Pickard at the Queen City Cycle Co., at once. de27-3t

WANTED—Position as traveling salesman with good Wilmington firm, full time; experienced; can bring good, reliable trade; best references. Would like to stay in store few days to freshen up on prices. Address "Traveling Salesman," cafe Star. de27-2t*

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AT AUCTION—16 large, very desirable dwelling lots in the town of Burgaw, N. C., on Monday, January 1st, 1911, at 10:30 A. M. Terms: One-fourth cash, balance 6, 12 and 18 months. A. H. Paddison, Burgaw, N. C. de24,27,31-3t

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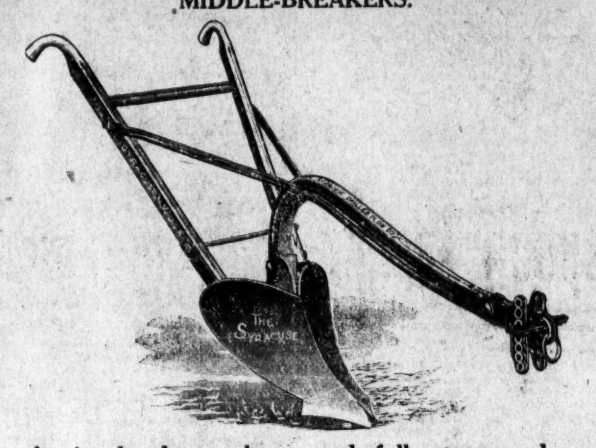

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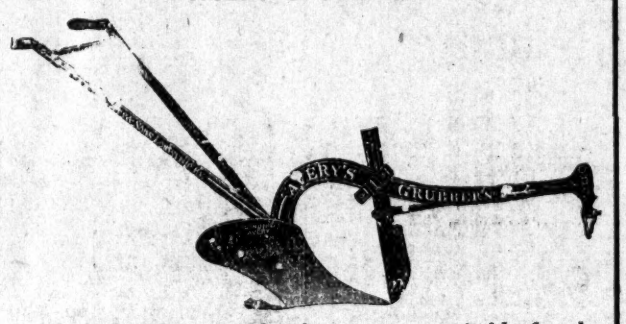

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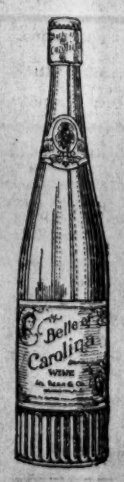

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